

New Public Space – Design Culture and Community

Professor Rick Haldenby lectures at 7:30pm, Tuesday, August 18, at the Mendel Art Gallery in Saskatoon. Haldenby is the Chair of the Council of Canadian University Schools of Architecture, a board member of the RAIC (Royal Architectural Institute of Canada), and the well respected Director of the University of Waterloo School of Architecture in Cambridge, Ontario. His presentation, entitled *New Public Space: Design Culture and Community*, will highlight the amazing transformative effect that the relocation of the School of Architecture from the main campus has had on downtown Cambridge and the role the school has played not only in the urban, economic and cultural development of the city, but in the very self image of the town and its people. It is a model that will be informative as the possibility of establishing a new school of architecture in Saskatchewan is considered.

Haldenby will also be discussing initiatives including a new School of International Affairs in Waterloo sponsored by Jim Balsillie (RIM/Blackberry) and a partnership with the Venice Biennale to create a North American venue for the world's largest and most important exhibitions of visual art and architecture.

Admission to the lecture is free. Following Haldenby's presentation, there will be a short panel discussion and a reception hosted by the University of Saskatchewan Regional & Urban Planning Program and the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada.

Future events in Saskatoon include an appearance by Jan Gehl, Danish architect and urban planner, who will speak on healthy, liveable, sustainable cities at Persephone Theatre on August 31st and September 1st.

In the fall, Design Week runs from October 26-30 in Saskatoon, which includes a week-long evening lecture series in which leading architects, landscape architects, urban planners, engineers, and graphic designers will participate. Design Week is organized by the Design Council of Saskatchewan in partnership with Great Places, a discussion forum that focuses on current issues related to the built environment in Saskatoon as shaped by architecture, urban planning, public art and landscape design. The group brings together visionary design professionals, government officials and citizens to discuss projects, initiatives, and precedents, locally and from abroad.

Design Week lectures are free and everyone is welcome.

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