

Press Release



McBurney Plaza Design Wins Award of Excellence

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City of Langley, BC – The City of Langley’s newly revitalized McBurney Plaza was recognized with a Regional Citation in the design category of the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects’ (CSLA) annual Awards of Excellence in Ottawa on March 9, 2015.

Connecting the popular retail area along Fraser Highway to the Douglas Park Spirit Square and cenotaph, the McBurney Plaza redevelopment is a key focus in the public realm portion of the City’s Downtown Master Plan to create a vibrant downtown core and rich pedestrian environment.

“The project focused on strengthening pedestrian connections and creating a flexible, friendly gathering space to accommodate a variety of unique programming and entertainment offerings,” said City of Langley Chief Administration Officer Francis Cheung. “We also integrated permeable surfaces, drought tolerant plantings and rainwater infiltration to support the City’s sustainability agenda.”

The open design, created by landscape architecture and urban design practice Hapa Collaborative, includes a series of arching steps that double as seating, a raised middle wood deck, new trees and a tile plaza at the north end of the site.

“We were very pleased to work with the City of Langley to revitalize a space that – as the symbolic and historic centre of Langley – is critical to the success of downtown as a commercial and cultural hub,” said Joseph Fry, principal, Hapa Collaborative. “The design was developed with input from the public, staff and council with the hope that it catalyzes development and other public realm enhancements in the downtown area. We strongly believe that public realm is one of the best investments a city can make. It visually enhances public space, creates a positive environmental benefit and helps build community.”

Winners were selected by a national jury of landscape architects. The principal criteria applied by the jurors were:

- Demonstration of a deep understanding of the craft of landscape architecture, including attention to composition and detail
- Demonstration of excellence in leadership, project management, breadth of work, new directions or new technology
- Innovation in concept, process, or implementation
- Promotion of the discipline amongst related professions, clients and the general public
- Demonstration of exemplary environmental and/or social awareness

A complete list of winners, including high-resolution images, are available on the CSLA website at <http://www.csla-aapc.ca/awards/awards-of-excellence>.

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