



ERICKSON'S EVERGREENING:

A Celebration of an Arthur Erickson
Design and Those Who Saved It

Thursday March 28, 2019

Evergreen Building

1285 West Pender Street

The Evergreen Building is proving to be one of Arthur Erickson's most influential designs, reconciling an urban edge for downtown and an organic treatment overlooking the harbour and mountains. Saving the building from demolition, preserving its shell and plantings, then updating its interiors is a rare triumph of Vancouver city-building with grace and memory. This is an evening of celebration, in the words of those who worked to make and save the Evergreen Building.

5:00 PM RECEPTION AND TOURS

IBI Group main floor, Evergreen Building

At 5:15 and 5:30 PM IBI staff will take optional small groups of guests to studios on upper floors, visiting the restored decks with their spectacular harbour views. Please note that the cash-only bar and appetizer stations will remain open throughout the presentation.

6:00 PM TELLING THE EVERGREEN STORY

Architecture Critic/Curator Trevor Boddy will act as host, giving a short critical introduction: "Evergreen's Sources and Influences: Plan 56 to Bjarke Ingels."

Trevor Boddy is a new member of the AEF board, whose most recent books are *CITY-BUILDER: The Architecture of James K.M. Cheng* (Images Press, Melbourne) and *Stantec: Airports* (Figure 1 Publishers, Vancouver)

AEA Project Architect Barry Johns of Edmonton/Phoenix: "Evergreen's Design in Detail"

A key design team member for Robson Square and the Evergreen Building, Barry Johns is architect of Edmonton's McEwen University main campus and is the former Chancellor of the RAIC's College of Fellows.

Landscape Architect Cornelia Hahn Oberlander: "Keeping Evergreen: Planting and Replanting the Decks"

Responsible for both the original Evergreen landscape and its restoration, Cornelia Hahn Oberlander is the globally lauded recipient of the Jellicoe Prize and the first Canadian Governor-General's Gold Medal in Landscape Architecture.

IBI Group President David Thom: “Why We Chose the Evergreen Building and Fought to Preserve It”

University of Toronto architecture graduate David Thom moved IBI Group into the Evergreen Building in 2002, then worked with his board and staff to first save the building, then upgrade four floors of its interiors.

Former Co-Director of Vancouver Planning Larry Beasley: “The Architecture of the Deal”

AEF board member Larry Beasley earned the Order of Canada for his services to planning, including working with many colleagues and agencies to save and preserve the Evergreen. His book, *Vancouverism*, will be published by UBC Press in May.

Francl Architects Principal Stefan Aepli: “Erickson’s Continuity: Shigeru Ban’s Design Rising Next Door”

Pritzker Prize-winning Tokyo architect Shigeru Ban has designed Terrace House immediately east of Evergreen, its sympathetic ideas in concrete in wood described by Stefan Aepli, partner from associate firm Francl Architects, and an ETH Zurich graduate.

7:20 PM QUESTIONS/ANSWERS, THEN CLOSING REMARKS BY ARTHUR ERICKSON FOUNDATION PRESIDENT PHIL BONAME.

Phil Boname is founder of Urbanics and has an international reputation as a land and retail expert.

For those who missed the earlier tours there will be at least one more group to view the harbour by twilight from the IBI studios on an upper floor.



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