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TCA's 2011 "Best of the Best" awarded

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The Toronto Construction Association (TCA) has saluted outstanding achievements by both member companies and individuals in its 14th annual "Best of the Best" Awards.

The association, which represents close to 2,200 companies, presented 2011 project achievement awards in three categories. It also honoured firms that best demonstrate a green building culture. Outstanding safety performance was recognized as well.

"These awards are part of a concerted effort by TCA to recognize the outstanding builders in our community and our industry," said retiring TCA chair Glenn Ackerley, a partner in WeirFoulds.

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Retiring TCA chair

The project achievement awards pay tribute to member companies who raise the bar in terms of professional excellence on small projects (valued at under \$10 million), medium-sized projects (under \$100 million) and large projects (over \$100 million).

In the winners' circle this year were the following projects, all substantially completed in 2011.

— Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) new staff residence (small project category): PCL Constructors Canada Inc. A team of PCL volunteers built the residence at the institute's Lake Joseph Centre in Muskoka as part of the company's Building Community program. The new 2,200-square-foot residence was constructed at a cost of \$550,000 with the support of labour and materials from the subtrade community. Designed to meet barrier-free requirements, the residence houses eight bedrooms, six washrooms, a kitchen, living room area and office space. Lake Joe is a barrier-free camp for children, youth, fami-

lies, and adults living with vision loss and other disabilities.

— Evergreen Brick Works: Eastern Construction Co. Ltd. The \$35 million project at the former Don Valley Brick Works site in Toronto included construction of the new four-storey Centre for Green Cities, a LEED Platinum candidate, as well as the adaptive re-use of a number of existing buildings. The new centre incorporates a welcome centre, retail and amenity space, administrative offices and workspace for program partners.

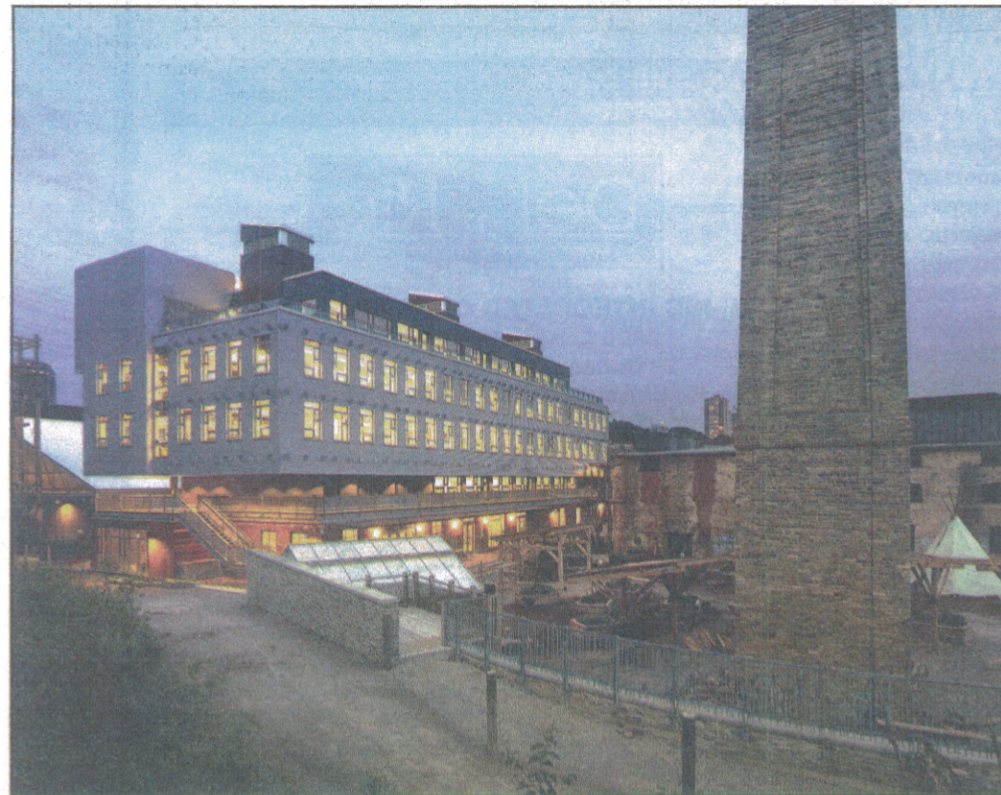
— Block 26 West (Parade 1): PCL Constructors Canada Inc. (large project category). The \$137 million project involved construction of a 38-storey highrise condominium, an 18-storey mid-rise condominium, and a nine-storey podium as well as 778 parking spaces in three levels of underground parking. Finishes were selected for beauty and longevity, along with preci-

sion craftsmanship and premium material. Amenities include party, games and theatre rooms, a spa and fitness facilities, 25-metre lap pool and hot tub and squash court. The project is part of the Concord Adex City-Place development in downtown Toronto.

The 2011 green building culture award went to two firms: Tremco Canada and Martinway Contracting. The award is presented to TCA member firms that best demonstrate a corporate green building culture in terms of how they conduct their day to day business.

The award for outstanding safety performance was presented to Bowie Contracting. The award recognizes a company that treats safety protocols "with a genuine sense of urgency" and is innovative and rigorous about ensuring that workplace safety is paramount.

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TOM ARBAN

The Centre for Green Cities (at the left) is the only new building at the Evergreen Brick Works site in Toronto's Don Valley. This \$35 million project at the former Don Valley Brick Works site was recognized in this year's Toronto Construction Association "Best of the Best" awards.

In Brief

\$40-million capital budget considered by Thunder Bay

THUNDER BAY, ONT.

Staff at the City of Thunder Bay, Ontario have submitted a proposed tax-supported capital budget for 2012 of \$40.2349 million to city council for review.

That budget, which does not include water works and other rate-supported projects, is subject to review and ratification in February and March. A public meeting at city hall was scheduled for this week.

Of the proposed capital budget in 2012 of \$40.2349 million, \$35.7441 million (including \$22.0296 million on infrastructure and operations) would be spent on city departments while \$4.4908 million would be spent on projects for boards and agencies.

The proposed 2012 tax-supported capital budget and capital forecast for 2013 through 2022 is available in PDF format on the City of Thunder Bay website.

Council was scheduled to review the 2012 rate-supported capital and operating budgets, as well as the police budget, on Feb. 8.

On Feb. 15 and 21, city council is scheduled to review the 2012 tax-supported capital and operating budgets, as well as approve the 2012 rate and tax-supported budgets.

A public post-budget consultation meeting is scheduled at 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 22 in city hall's council chambers, and the ratification vote is scheduled March 12.

Thunder Bay is currently implementing its 2011-2014 strategic plan intended to guide the work of the city's internal departments and divisions.

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