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The Royal Architectural Institute of Canada [RAIC] is Canada's national advocacy association for architects and architecture. Over the past year, the RAIC and its members have worked on issues concerning fees, contracts and selection processes as well as sustainability, heritage and reconciliation with Indigenous people.

As a national body, the RAIC spreads the message that architecture matters through the involvement of its members, among them architects, graduate architects, academics, interns, students, retirees and allied professionals.

In 2017, the RAIC joined with architecture organizations around the world to reaffirm a commitment to the Paris Agreement to mitigate global warming through good design. It made recommendations on the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change; and appeared before the Senate Standing Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources with recommendations for transitioning to a low carbon economy.

Also in 2017, the RAIC Indigenous Task Force held Canada's first International Indigenous Architecture and Design Symposium. It was at the symposium that a group of members decided to make a proposal for the 2018 Venice Architecture

Biennale; it was accepted, and they will represent Canada with a project called UNCEDED.

As an association of peers, the RAIC brings together people who study complex issues and develop targeted and insightful approaches to affect change. RAIC members lend their expertise to groups such as the Age-Friendly Housing Options task force, the Committee of Regenerative Environments, and the RAIC Emerging Practitioners, who are focused on the interests of students, interns and newly licensed architects. Members also have access to practice support services designed to support success, including online resources, practice support documents and quality continuing education. The widely recognized MRAIC designation of members is a symbol of commitment to the profession.

The work continues in 2018 with support from RAIC members and partners. A new year signals membership renewal time. If you're a member, you know what to do; renew membership quickly and easily by logging into your account at www.raic.org. If you are not yet a member and want to learn more about how your membership amplifies the voice for architects and architecture, visit raic.org/whyjoin or email membership@raic.org.

ONE-PAGE CASE STUDIES TELL MORE



More information on the Salus Clementine Passive House project and the Humber River Hospital project, both published in the

Fall issue of SABMag, can be found in concise one-page case studies from Legalett and LiveRoof Ontario, respectively.

The **Legalett** case study describes how its GEO-Passive Slab used in the Salus Clementine Passive House insulates the underside of the concrete to isolate it from the surrounding earth to avoid moisture issues, and spread the bearing load. The **LiveRoof Ontario** case study describes how the vegetated roof on the Humber River Hospital was planned and executed, and the benefits it brings to patient health and to hospital finances. <http://www.sabmagazine.com/casestudies.html>

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