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# Vancouver based projects honoured with Canadian Consulting Engineering Awards of Excellence

(OTTAWA) November [4], 2022 – The Association of Consulting Engineering Companies-Canada (ACEC) and *Canadian Consulting Engineer* are pleased to announce **three Vancouver based projects** by; Fast + Epp, RJC Engineers and McElhanney Ltd., as the recipients of this year's **Awards of Excellence**. They were honoured alongside twenty other engineering firms at the 2022 Canadian Consulting Engineering (CCE) Awards on the evening of November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Known as the highest form of recognition for excellence in the industry, these awards celebrate incredible engineering projects from across the country.

"By pushing boundaries and delivering ground-breaking solutions to the problems we face, these consulting engineering firms are paving the way forward in the field of engineering," said John Gamble, President and CEO of ACEC. "Consulting engineers have the remarkable opportunity and responsibility of shaping Canada's future. Their work greatly contributes to a growing economy and thriving neighbourhoods in every corner of this country – as celebrated ACEC members, this year's award winners are doing just that. Their achievements are a testament to their unparalleled ingenuity, as well as their dedication to building stronger and more sustainable communities."

## Fast + Epp Home Office - Fast + Epp



Fast + Epp's four-storey home office building embraces design elegance and stimulates curiosity traits the firm has become known for. The office serves as a 'living laboratory' with new ideas and technologies being tested both during construction and throughout the life-cycle of the building. With an emphasis on promoting employee wellness and productivity, the building combines the latest in sustainable design strategies while taking full advantage of the spectacular mountain views to the north.

"We are honoured to receive this award for our Vancouver Home office, which we accept on behalf of our talented team and project partners. This project allowed us to push the boundaries on innovation and help us build on our legacy of delivering high-end, architecturally expressive structural projects." -Paul Fast, P.Eng., Struct.Eng., P.E., F.I.Struct.E., IngKH (de), Hon. AIBC, Founding Partner. Highway 1 Keith Road / Mt Seymour Parkway Interchange - McElhanney Ltd.



The Highway 1 Keith Road Mt Seymour Parkway Interchange Project & Lynn Creek Connectivity Improvement Program relieved highway congestion, improved road safety, and addressed municipal connectivity and active transportation needs for the communities of Vancouver's North Shore. The project had a constrained timeline tied to funding with no room for budget overruns. McElhanney successfully delivered this project for the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure using innovative design and scheduling strategies, while incorporating significant environmental and active

transportation improvements to the region.

"We are honoured to receive the CCE Award of Excellence in Transportation and would like to thank all our partners who made this project happen. It is always rewarding to work on projects that align with McElhanney's values and support the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure's vision for a safer BC." - Kevin Leggett, P.Eng., Coordinating Professional Engineer / Highway Engineer of Record.

## St. Andrew's Wesley United Church Heritage Conservation & Seismic Upgrade - RJC Engineers



RJC Engineers led the renewal of St. Andrew's Wesley United Church, a notable Vancouver landmark originally built in the early 1930s. The structure's long-term future was preserved through key improvements to seismic resiliency, envelope durability, and occupant safety and accessibility. Through a concerted heritage restoration process, the revitalized exterior thoughtfully reflects the building's heritage while the restored interior renews its original glory for generations to come.

"We are thankful for the honour bestowed by CCE,

resulting from this one-of-a-kind project to revitalize a heritage landmark in the City of Vancouver. The St. Andrews Wesley United Church is now an enhanced image of its original glory. A well-oiled team dynamic between Owner, Consultant, and Constructor played a critical role in the success of the project." - Dennis Gam, M.Eng., P.Eng., Principal.

## About Fast + Epp

Fast + Epp is an internationally recognized structural engineering firm with offices in Vancouver, America and Europe. The company is recognized for its ability to challenge convention and explore new design approaches for all building types and materials. Having completed over 10 million square feet of hybrid

and mass timber buildings worldwide, Fast + Epp has earned a reputation as a global leader in hybrid and timber design.

## About McElhanney Ltd.

Established in 1910, McElhanney is an award-winning, employee-owned professional consulting firm providing geomatics, engineering, geospatial, planning, landscape architecture, and environmental services. With 30+ locations across Western Canada and strategically placed offices, McElhanney serves cities, communities & parks, energy & resources, and transportation sectors. McElhanney's journey takes them to amaze their clients, care for their communities, and empower their people.

## **About RJC Engineers**

RJC Engineers is a national engineering firm that celebrates creative thinking, prompt service and technical excellence in the design and maintenance of structures. Bringing the best of RJC to every project for over seven decades, they integrate ingenuity and practicality to create success for their clients and their projects.

## Learn about all CCE Award-winning projects

Stay tuned for ACEC's #20DaysOfExcellence social media campaign later this month. It will showcase national and international award-winning engineering projects from coast to coast to coast. Visit our <u>Twitter</u> and <u>LinkedIn</u> social media channels to view videos of these winning projects and to learn more about how consulting engineering benefits our communities and all Canadians.

## **About CCE Awards co-sponsors**

ACEC is the national voice of consulting engineering companies, representing firms across the country that provide professional engineering services to both public and private sector clients. These services include the planning, design, and execution of all types of engineering projects, as well as providing independent advice and expertise in a wide range of engineering and engineering-related fields. For more information about ACEC and the 2022 Canadian Consulting Engineering Awards, please visit www.acec.ca.

*Canadian Consulting Engineer* is the only magazine in Canada that covers innovative infrastructure projects as they relate to structural, civil, mechanical, and electrical engineering. Published bi-monthly by Annex Business Media, it is geared towards professional engineers working as consultants in the construction field.

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