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RPK WINS **CAA** BUSINESS AWARD

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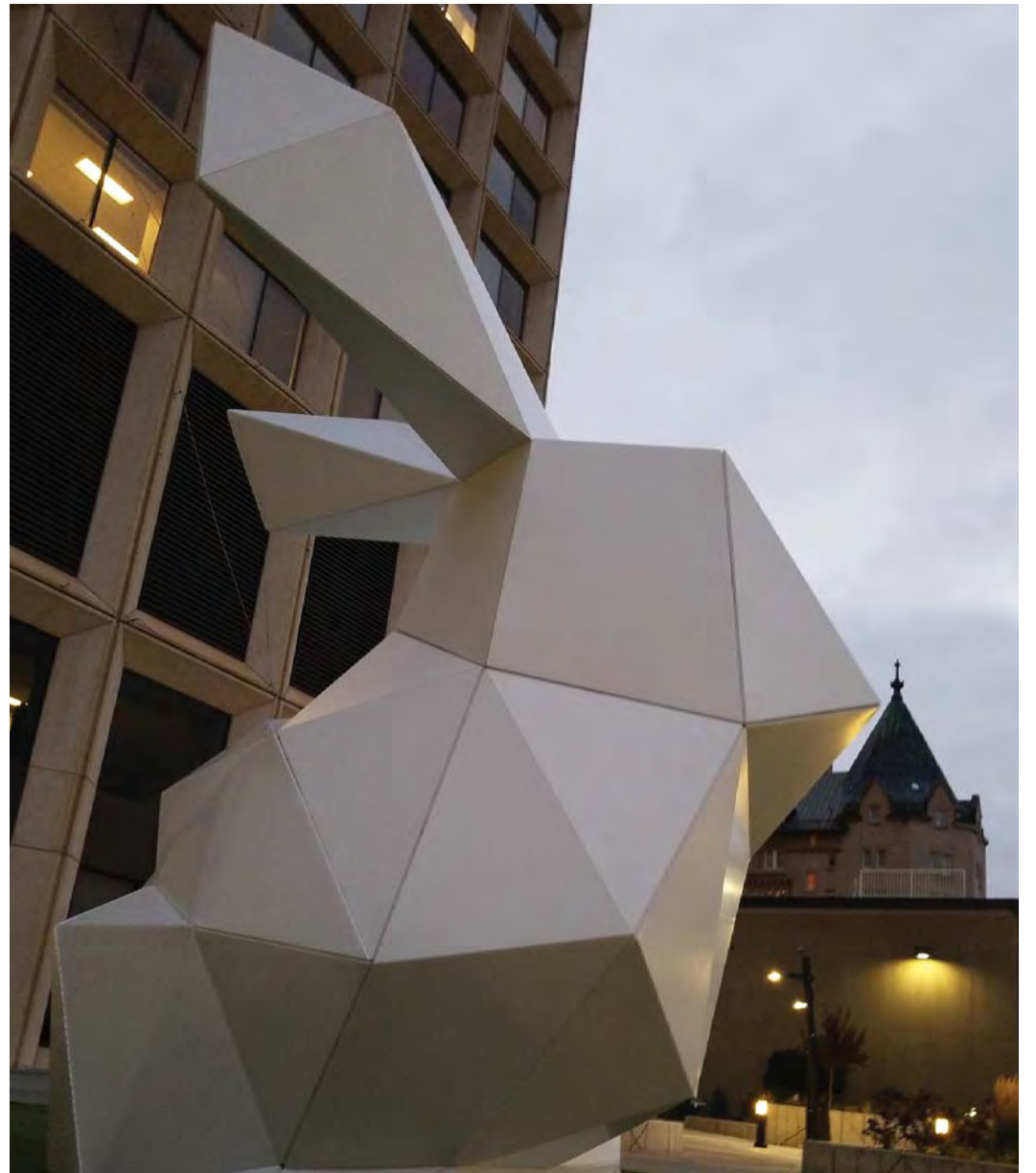
WE WERE VERY EXCITED AND HONOURED to learn we won the Consulting Architects of Alberta 2018 Business Award. The program recognizes business-orientated initiatives in architecture across Alberta, highlighting creativity and innovation in the practice of architecture.

RPK's submission included a number of new initiatives in our office; providing greater efficiency in producing and coordinating our design work. Some of these systems include a Lean Process Working Group, Kanban Boards, Yammer and SharePoint (online communication platforms) and Plus/ Delta meetings.

If you have any questions about our Lean processes or tools, please feel free to give us a call.

THE
WHITE RABBIT
MAKES A SPECIAL
APPEARANCE

On a chilly fall evening, we unveiled a giant illuminated rabbit to commemorate our beloved mascot!



Edmonton's Nuit Blanche, a free all-night arts festival that featured performance, video, and interactive art sprung us into action.

RPK's entry was initially inspired by origami and evolved into a faceted form of mostly triangular planes. Using smaller scaled paper models to practice, we were able to better understand how to assemble the rabbit at full scale. Made from 22 sheets

of off the shelf white coroplast together with internal LED lighting, RPK constructed the 3.5 m tall art piece over the course of two weeks. While it looked striking poised for action at ATB Plaza along MacDonald Drive, we likely also turned a few heads as we transported the rabbit on a trailer along Jasper Avenue.

Be sure to look for future appearances of the RPK giant white rabbit!





RPK ASSOCIATE ON SAFETY CODES COUNCIL

We are very proud to share with everyone that one of our associates, Karen Muir - Architect AAA, was recently appointed to the Alberta Safety Codes Council, a statutory corporation that formulates and oversees the development and administration of safety codes and standards throughout the province.

The Safety Codes Council is responsible to the Minister of Alberta Municipal Affairs and works under authority of the Safety Codes Act. It is divided into 10 sub councils of focused topics. Karen sits on the barrier-free sub council.

Barrier-free design is a topic RPK is very passionate about given our ongoing work with and commitment to seniors' housing. It is great to see one of our own providing valuable insights to the province and positively influencing the safety and inclusivity of the buildings in our province. Way to go, Karen!

GRAND OPENING OF LAC LA BICHE PROJECT



WHILE THIS BRAND NEW BUILDING began accepting residents back in June, it was time to celebrate and officially open the building with a grand opening on September 27th. RPK was on hand along with current residents, families, staff, and dignitaries to cut the ribbon and enjoy speeches, food, and tour the building. The new building consists of 40 Designated Assisted Living and 9 Independent Supportive Living suites along with common areas and support spaces. The design of the building supports the Eden Alternative model of care which promotes maximum independence, choice and dignity for each resident and encourages the involvement of family, neighbours, and friends. Congratulations, Points West Living, we are so proud of this project!





- > Schematic design is nearing completion on the new Misericordia Hospital Emergency Department
- > Sakaw Terrace, a new seniors affordable housing project developed by GEF Seniors Housing in the Edmonton community of Millwoods, is now complete and accepting new residents
- > Foundations are being poured for a new affordable housing project in the Belvedere neighbourhood of Edmonton
- > Design development is complete for two City of Edmonton arts related renovation projects in the Quarters District
- > A study for future improvements to Hawrelak Park is well underway
- > Demolition and renovation work is gearing up for the Dr. Cooke Extended Care Centre in Lloydminster
- > Design work is nearing completion on a twelve suite group home project for Jasper Place Wellness Centre in West Edmonton

