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Sénéchal Centre design nabs architectural award

Grand Falls building recognized for bright and airy layout

By Mark Rickard
A Saint John architectural firm received the Lieutenant Governor's Award of Excellence in Architecture for their innovative work on the E & P Sénéchal Centre in Grand Falls.

Murdock & Boyd Architects Inc. (Saint John) won the award for the E & P Sénéchal Centre in Grand Falls. Jurors noted the Centre's clarity, simplicity and well proportioned spaces, reinforced by a simple, but effective, playful color scheme.

"The architecture, centered on the concept of movement, is well translated and captured with the monumental floating stair that works not only at a functional level but provide a focus and an architectural landmark within the large space of the lobby."

Jurors also noted concern for the environment shown through the orientation of the building for a maximum use of natural light as well as recovery of the energy produced by the refrigeration system of the rink to heat adjacent spaces.

An Award of Merit was presented to Architecture 2000 Inc. (Moncton) for the Dieppe Aquatic and Sports Centre.

The awards encourage outstanding architectural design in New Brunswick's built environment.

The juried panel judged projects spanning the last five years submitted by members of the Architects' Association of New Brunswick.

Winners of the tri-annual competition were announced June 9 during a ceremony at Fredericton's

Government House, hosted by Lieutenant Governor Graydon Nicholas.

An exhibit of all of the submitted

entries is available for public viewing in the galleries of Government House until July.



Natural light
The walking track extends outside the E & P Sénéchal Centre's exterior walls, using natural light to help increase energy efficiency in the building. Murdock & Boyd Architects Inc. of Saint John won a design award for the building's design last week. (Contributed photo)



Award of Excellence
The Lieutenant Governor's Award of Excellence in Architecture was presented to Murdock & Boyd Architects Inc. of Saint John for the E & P Sénéchal Centre in Grand Falls. From left to right are Greg Murdock, partner; Monica Adair, project architect; Lieutenant Governor Graydon Nicholas, and Malcolm Boyd, partner. (Contributed photo)



Floating staircase
Judges noted the "floating stairs" inside the E & P Sénéchal Centre is an architectural landmark for the building. The Grand Falls recreation facility won the Lieutenant Governor's Award of Excellence in Architecture. (Contributed photo)