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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Since the beginning of my term as president, I've been fortunate to be involved in some passionate and lively discussions about all aspects of the OAAAS, its relationship with the OAA, and its future as the technology program of the OAA. This is just a sampling of the items that the board and its committees have been discussing:

- ✦ potential changes to the process of becoming licensed, including the possible adoption of an internship process modelled on the Internship in Architecture Program,
- ✦ the ability for experience hours to be acquired under the direction of a Lic.Tech.OAA who holds a Certificate of Practice,
- ✦ review of the terms, conditions, and limitations of the licenses,
- ✦ further marketing efforts and increased presence on the web and in the colleges, and
- ✦ awarding honorary OAAAS memberships.

But to me, the most fulfilling part is seeing the passion that our members and our architect colleagues display for the association and its role in the architectural industry. Though the opinions that have been expressed vary, the passion is consistent. It's clear that the OAAAS and its relationship with the OAA is more important than ever.

I'm also pleased to have seen significant interest from our members in serving the association by volunteering to sit on the board or our various committees. Being involved is a rewarding experience and I encourage you to express your interest in helping us shape the future of the OAAAS by contacting our executive director or administrator.

Additionally, I recommend that you become involved in the profession at large by contacting your local

OAA societies and attending their meetings. Aside from excellent networking and learning opportunities, it provides another chance to raise the profile of OAAAS and reaffirm the important role that architectural technologists fulfill in the profession of architecture. A list of societies is available on the OAA website [here](#).

As always, feel free to contact me with any concerns, suggestions, or questions you may have about the OAAAS at president@oaaas.ca.

Jeremiah Gammond,
Lic.Tech.OAA, President OAAAS

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Earlier this fall, I began my annual tour of the province's community colleges, starting with St. Clair College in Windsor. It's a real pleasure for me to meet with eager students who are studying to become the next generation of architectural technologists. While not every student is clear on their direction and goals, there are many who are fully aware of the opportunities they will have in this profession. And most are eager to receive the information about how the province's technologists can become members of the Ontario Association of Architects through the OAAAS.

The inaugural OAAAS Awards Program in 2013 was a huge success; all of our objectives were met. One effect of the program has been to raise the profile of OAAAS among the province's college teachers. As I travel the

province and speak about the awards, it generates considerable interest among the students. As the president points out, a number of OAAAS members have agreed to participate on various OAAAS committees. We also have members who have volunteered to join me at their alma mater when I make a presentation at the college. If you are interested in joining me when I next visit the college where you studied, please contact me at garryn@oaaas.ca.

Let me finally take this opportunity to wish all of you the very best for the upcoming holiday season and all the best for a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.

Garry Neil
Executive Director | Registrar

2014 ADMISSION COURSE

The 2014 Admission Course will be held from May 7 to May 9, 2014 at Fairmont the Queen Elizabeth, Montreal, Quebec. The Admission Course is one of the mandatory requirements for licensing in Ontario and complements other components of the Licensed Technologist OAA and Intern Architect Programs. The Admission Course is unique to Ontario and underscores the OAA's commitment to ensuring that Licensed Technologist OAA, OAAAS Technologists, architects and intern architects meet high standards of knowledge and professionalism. It ensures that OAAAS Technologists and intern architects are familiar with current issues and requirements prior to application for licence.

Registration Period: December 17, 2013 to March 7, 2014

Registration link will be e-mailed out to all eligible OAAAS Technologists and Intern Architects who have not previously taken the Admission Course.

For more information please visit the [Admission Course](#) page.

Questions related to the Admission Course administration should be forwarded to AC@oaa.on.ca

NEW EXAM DATES

Selected dates are the first Friday after June 15 and first Friday after Remembrance Day in November. Dates in 2014 are:

Friday, June 20, 2014 and Friday, November 14, 2014.

**The International Centre
Mississauga ON – Hall 1 Lobby**

This project began with a simple request to create a division between an undefined entry and an exhibition hall. While being sensitive to budgetary constraints, **Mark Primiani and his team at Arch-Tech Design Group** proposed a simple divider wall that would achieve the client’s number one request of a defined lobby.

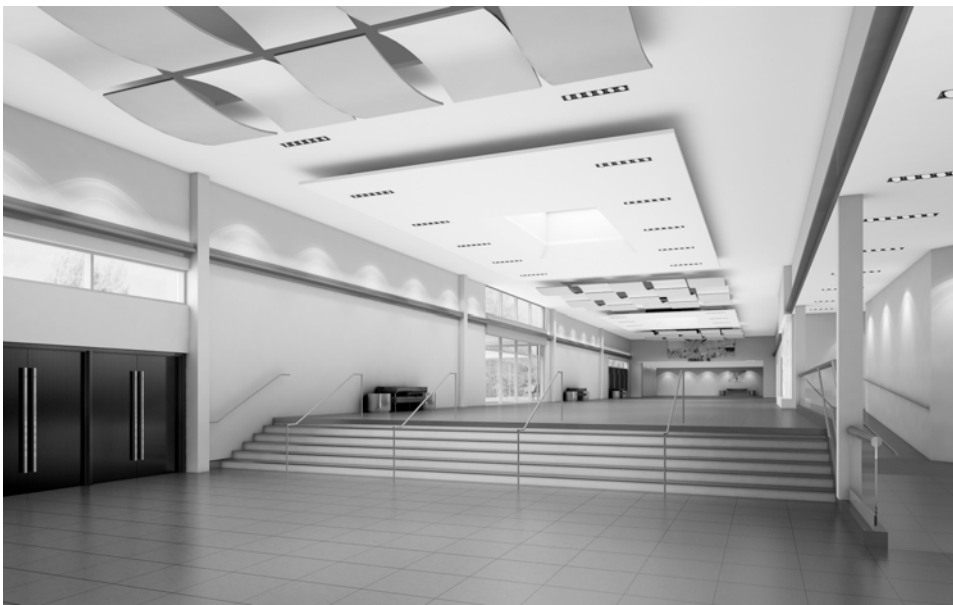
As discussions progressed, it was decided that a more dynamic environment would achieve greater goals of an impactful entrance point that would portray a great sense of arrival as well as give the space a much needed aesthetic boost with the inclusion grand design elements.



This brand new lobby design brings much needed seating areas and improved vertical ambulation with the addition of a new elevator. The vertical expanse of the new divider wall creates

drama while maintaining a light and airy feel, which defines the new impressive lobby space.

(Project currently under construction)



**The International Centre
Mississauga ON –
Hall 2-5 Connector Addition**

This project came out of the need to create a grander connection between two exhibition halls. The original connector building was dark and designed with the purpose of

connectivity only in mind. **Mark Primiani and his team at Arch-Tech Design Group** integrated the new building with the existing connector creating a large, bright, expansive environment that could further handle increased capacity of trade show exhibitors and attendees.

The original connecting corridor was maintained to serve as a service connection between the two halls. Three skylights and 21 foot high ceilings enhance this light filled space further exciting the modern, clean lines of the interior. Additionally, this new space provides for further uses such as extra exhibitor space, food service or special events area that can spill to the outside through the use of extra wide and extra high doors further enhancing the usability and function of this magnetic space.

It may also be the only building (not including train stations) to provide the ability for a train to run through should the need ever arise.

(Project currently under construction)

**Mark Primiani, Lic.Tech.OAA
Arch-Tech Design Group
Principal**

OAAAS ADVANCED STANDING PROGRAM

OAAAS is pleased to announce the revised OAAAS Advanced Standing Program (ASP). This program is intended to give qualified senior architectural technicians and technologists an opportunity to qualify for the Licensed Technologist OAA designation based on extensive experience in the building field. A candidate for advanced standing must demonstrate they meet the educational qualification, document work experience (some of which must have been working for an architect) on standard Project Summary Forms supplied by OAAAS, and prepare a portfolio including drawings and other documents. Candidates will be interviewed by an Interview Team to review their portfolio to ensure the OAAAS work experience component, which is mandatory for all Licensed Technologists OAA, is satisfied.

An 'experienced candidate' must verify comprehensive architectural experience over a prescribed number of years, depending on their level of post-secondary education.

Within this work experience, a candidate must demonstrate contemporary knowledge of Ontario laws and regulations by submitting documentation to demonstrate they have at least 940 hours of work experience in Ontario within the three consecutive years prior to submitting an application to the OAA.

A candidate may demonstrate their currency of knowledge by submitting information about a sufficient number of projects to cover the 940 hour requirement in either of the following situations:

- Demonstrating they have worked under the personal supervision and direction of an OAA-licensed architect on these projects in the relevant period, or

- By showing proof that the candidate has completed these projects through qualification (Building Code Identification Number) with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing in the Designer (Small Building) category, and has been registered with the Ministry either as a sole proprietor or as principal of a firm offering design services to the public for these projects and in the relevant period.

Submission

Each candidate is required to submit at least five Project Summary Forms which outline the information for each of five projects on which the candidate has worked in their career, including at least three projects on which they worked under the personal supervision and direction of an OAA licensed architect. If necessary, a candidate may submit additional forms to demonstrate the full range of work experience. Each form will include information such as name of the architectural practice and the architect for whom the project was done; role/employment relationship to the architectural practice; approvals required; engineering systems; role of the candidate and be verified by the architect. The candidate may highlight three projects on which he/she would prefer to be interviewed.

The OAAAS Admissions Committee for Experienced Candidates (Committee), composed of OAA members, will review the five Forms and select three projects which will form the basis for the interview for which the candidate must submit a portfolio of work.

The candidate's portfolio of work should illustrate how s/he has learned from experiences in areas necessary to satisfy the categories and hours of the OAAAS Experience Requirements. For more detailed information please visit:

<http://www.oaa.on.ca/the+oaa/allied+organizations/oaas>

Eligibility

A candidate must meet the following 12-Year Experience Rule:

- 10 years experience** required for senior architectural technicians and technologists who have a 2-year college/university diploma/degree or equivalent ($12-2 = 10$), **or**
- 9 years experience** required for senior architectural technicians and technologists who have a 3-year college/university diploma/degree or equivalent ($12-3 = 9$), **or**
- 8 years experience** required for senior architectural technicians and technologists who have a 4-year college/university diploma/degree or equivalent ($12-4 = 8$).

MEMBER FEATURE

This proposed infill development in the heart of Kensington Market is a very exciting project for me, as the principal of **Adtek Building Consultants**. It will be a three storey, 610sm. (6,566 sq ft.) mixed use, accessible building with an elevator serving all floors including the basement. The first floor is designated as retail but the initial tenant will be a Micro Brewery occupying the whole first floor and part of the basement. In addition there will be commercial office space on the second floor that is designed to allow for either one large or, up to, four smaller offices that will attract young professional practitioners. On the third floor there will be four residential "bachelor" units.

Each of the "bachelor" units will be very high end, fully furnished and serviced, with a well equipped range of "mini" appliances. The intent is that they will be available for both long and short term rentals. Three of the four units will have a balcony with a southerly exposure while the fourth will have a street view facing west. There will also be access to the building's green roof. To encourage walking, the use of public transport or the use of bicycles, no car parking has been provided, however there will be bicycle storage lockers in the basement.

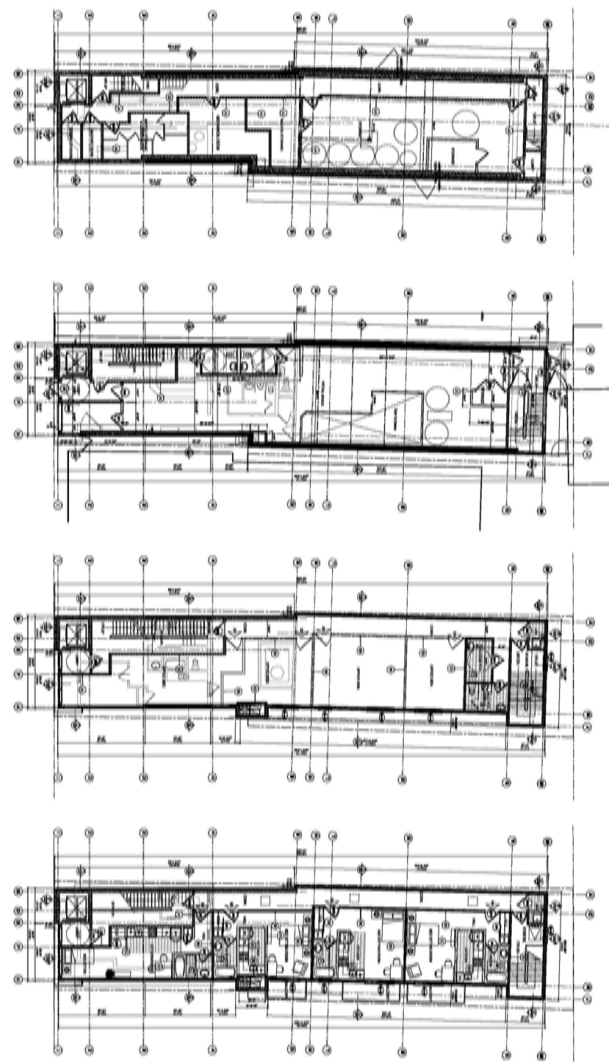
The building has been designed so that a major



occupancy of Group A, Division 2 category that would permit a restaurant having more than 30 seats to occupy the main floor space. So the construction will be non combustible with 2 hour fire separations. The exterior walls are heavy gauge steel studs with a stucco finish and insulated to give an R-20 value, the floors are ribbed metal decking with concrete topping and roof will be inverted with R-50 insulation.

The proposal has already gone through Planning and Committee of Adjustment and Building Permits have been issued. Demolition has commenced and construction is expected to start this month with an anticipated completion date by late spring of 2014. Marketing has already commenced.

Brian L. Abbey,
Technologist OAAAS.
M.A.A.T.O. BSSO. A.Sc.T.
CSC. BCQ - Principal



NEW OAAAS MEMBERS

We would like to welcome the following new OAAAS Members:

Michelle Boyer

Shannon Johnston-MacBride

Adam Vinci

Gino Di Vizio

Paul Lortie

Kamil Wroblewski

Tony El-Hadi

Jason McCauley

Hugo Lit Yeung

Mitchell Hardeen

Pascal Pomerleau

Sujana Herath

Tom Tsaktsiris

WORK EXPERIENCE HOURS

If you are new to this responsibility, do not worry, it is not as daunting as it seems. Submitting your work experience hours involves keeping track, logging and periodically submitting your newly accumulated work experience hours to the OAAAS Administrator in the [OAAAS Experience Record Book](#).

Once your hours have been calculated you will be sent a Summary Report that will outline and highlight the areas and specific hours that are still required to move to the next level of certification. For specific instructions, visit:

<http://www.oaa.on.ca/the+oaa/allied+organizations/oaas>, click on the OAAAS grey tab labeled:

EXPERIENCE.

We recommend that you review the following documents to help you map out the [number of work experience hours](#) that you require for each level of certification and to assess under what specific categories these hours should be placed. These documents can be found in the [OAAAS Program Guide](#).

Categories and Experience Areas (Page 10)

Experience Area Description and Required Activities (Appendix B)

New Members can also take advantage of a limited time opportunity to submit retroactive work experience hours accumulated prior to joining OAAAS. This must be done within the [first three months](#) from the date you become an OAAAS member and can

potentially give you a head start in reaching Technologist OAAAS membership. We highly recommend that you respect your submission deadline once you begin logging hours, since it makes it easier for you and OAAAS. If you cannot, we ask that you please inform us.

Members have also found it beneficial to engage their supervising Architect or Licensed Technologist OAA early on in the process. This way they will have the opportunity to understand your future work experience requirements for purposes of completing your certification. Employee time sheets can also be very useful.

IMPORTANT NOTICE - NEW Work Experience Record Book FORMAT

The Work Experience Record Book (WERB) has been revised to eliminate the 'Other' Column located on page two of the record book. Please note that hours logged in this column will no longer be accepted, effective immediately. For the newly revised Work Experience Record Book template visit:

<http://www.oaa.on.ca/the+oaa/allied+organizations/oaas>

CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM

Structured and Unstructured Learning Activities

For the Continuing Education Cycle 2012-2014, the Ontario Association of Architects - in an effort to harmonize it's ConEd requirements with similar provincial jurisdictions - embraced the idea of Structured and Unstructured Learning activities, replacing the previous system of CORE learning and Self-Directed Learning. Please see the [Structured](#) and [Unstructured Learning](#) pages for more detailed information, as well as the following links for further information of the ConEd program:

[Program Requirements](#)

[Learning Activities Eligibility Criteria](#)

Please note that the 2010-2011 Continuing Education cycle is now closed for on-line entry. OAAAS Administration will now have to report these hours for you. Contact RommyR@oaaas.ca if you require this service.

ConEd Opportunities

[OAA+2030 Professional Series](#)

40 ConEd Learning hours
Ottawa and Toronto - January - October 2014

[2012 Code Changes - OBC Part 3 & Part 9](#)

Peterborough - December 11, 2013

[High Rise Training Series: 2014 OBC Part 3](#)

buildABILITY Corporation
Thornhill - January 22, 2014

If you have any questions, please e-mail the Continuing Education department at oaacned@oaa.on.ca.

ConEd Update

Reminder: End of Cycle 2012 - 2014 is June 30, 2014

Please note that the end of the current ConEd Cycle is June 30, 2014 and NOT December 31, 2013. If you haven't done so already, login to your transcript [here](#) and familiarize yourself with the new reporting system. If you have any questions, about the process, contact oaacned@oaa.on.ca and avoid the end of cycle rush!

ConEd Responsibilities for Technologist OAAAS and Licensed Technologist OAA

The ConEd responsibilities for Technologist OAAAS and Licensed Technologist OAA ConEd are as follows:

Technologist OAAAS: 15 hours of learning (minimum of 5 hours of structured learning)

Licensed Technologist OAA: 35 hours of learning (minimum of 12 hours of structured learning)

To access your ConEd Transcript:

1. Go to www.oaa.on.ca, click on **Professional Resources**, scroll to **Continuing Education**.
2. Click on the grey **TRANSCRIPTS** button located on the left hand side. This will direct you to the **OAA Member only Login page**. Type in your **OAA username** and **password** that were issued to you when you became an Associate member.

If you have a problem with your coordinates, please contact RommyR@oaaas.ca or coned@oaa.on.ca.

FEATURE YOUR ARCHITECTURAL PROJECT IN THE OAAAS NEWSLETTER

If you are currently working on an exciting project or have recently completed one and would like to share it with your colleagues, this is your opportunity. We are looking to feature member projects in the next OAAAS Newsletter.

The OAAAS Newsletter is distributed to the OAAAS Membership, OAAAS and OAA Board of Directors, Ontario Colleges as well as featured on our website. Accepted articles will be included in the Newsletter at the Marketing Committees discretion.

Article requirements are:

- Maximum 300 - 400 words
- Two images in JPEG format, minimum 300 dpi
- Submission deadline for the next issue is **Friday, February 21, 2014**.

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The Ontario Association for Applied Architectural Sciences is an association for technologists working in the architectural field. Through OAAAS, a qualified professional can become a **Licensed Technologist OAA** and member of the Ontario Association of Architects.

The OAAAS establishes the education, experience and examination requirements for three categories of building designers: **Associate OAAAS**, **Technologist OAAAS** and **Licensed Technologist OAA**. The OAA Council has established the scope of practice and the terms of the limited licence.



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