



New Public Space: Design Culture and Community

7:30 PM, Tuesday August 18, 2009 - Mendel Art Gallery

Press Release

Great Places is pleased to announce that at 7:30 PM on Tuesday August 18th Professor Rick Haldenby will be giving a public presentation in Saskatoon. Professor Haldenby is the Chair of the Council of Canadian University Schools of Architecture, a board member of the RAIC (Royal Architectural Institute of Canada), and the well respected Director of the University of Waterloo School of Architecture in Cambridge, Ontario. His presentation, entitled *New Public Space: Design Culture and Community*, will highlight the amazing transformative effect that the relocation of the School of Architecture from the main campus has had on downtown Cambridge and the role the school has played not only in the urban, economic and cultural development of the city, but in the very self-image of the town and its people. It is a wonderful story, and the plot is still unfolding.

Professor Haldenby will also talk about the school of architecture currently being developed in Sudbury and the possibilities for a new school of architecture in Saskatchewan. He is working on a number of other interesting initiatives including a new School of International Affairs in Waterloo sponsored by Jim Balsillie (RIM/Blackberry) and a partnership with the Venice Biennale to create a North American venue for the world's largest and most important exhibitions of visual art and architecture.

He will be speaking in the lower level auditorium of the Mendel Art Gallery. The event begins at 7:30 PM. Admission is free. Following Professor Haldenby's presentation, there will be a short panel discussion and a reception hosted by the University of Saskatchewan Regional & Urban Planning Program and the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada.

Great Places is a discussion forum that focuses on current issues related to the built environment in Saskatoon as shaped by architecture, urban planning, public art and landscape design. The group brings together visionary design professionals, government officials and citizens to discuss projects, initiatives, and precedents, locally and from abroad.

Watch for other related events including presentations by world renowned architect and urban planner Jan Gehl on August 31st and September 1st as well as a series of events during *Design Week*, October 26-30, 2009.



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