



Breathing New Life into Older Neighbourhoods: Guidelines for Shaping Healthy Urban Growth

Lecture: 7:00 PM, February 10th - Mendel Art Gallery Lecture Hall

Press Release

Great Places is pleased to announce that Harold Madi, an award-winning planner and architect, will be giving a public presentation in Saskatoon. Mr. Madi is a Partner with The Planning Partnership, located in the city of Toronto. Entitled *Breathing New Life into Older Neighborhoods: Guidelines for Shaping Healthy Urban Growth*, Mr. Madi's talk will explore the pressures and opportunities around residential infill development in established neighborhoods. Misguided development is capable of pulling apart a neighborhood's prized character and fabric. With the right guidance, however, infill development can revitalize areas in decline, create complete communities, and enhance the public realm and efficiency and effectiveness of community services, infrastructure and land use. As Saskatoon considers models for redirecting growth inward, the evening's discussion will be timely and engaging.

Harold Madi is a member of the Canadian Institute of Planners and the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada. He has led national award winning downtown plans for Lethbridge, Belleville, Fort Erie and Halifax, completed a comprehensive urban design strategy and infill guidelines for Halifax, and is undertaking a similar project for Charlottetown. Mr. Madi is leading major civic design projects in the run-up to the 2015 Pan-American Games in Toronto, including the Union Station Front Street Plaza and the John Street Arts & Culture Promenade. Locally, he led the Broadway 360 Development Plan and University of Saskatchewan Core Area Plan.

Harold Madi will be speaking at the Mendel Art Gallery. The event begins at 7:00 PM. Admission is free. Following Mr. Madi's presentation and open discussion there will be a reception hosted by the University of Saskatchewan's Regional & Urban Planning Program and the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada.

Harold Madi will also be offering a free workshop from 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM on Saturday February 12, also at the Mendel Art Gallery. The presentation (Feb 10) and workshop (Feb 12) are a joint initiative of *Great Places*, Saskatoon's Community Associations, the Saskatoon Heritage Society, and the Columbia Institute's Centre for Civic Governance.

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.

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