**Press Release**

Great Places is pleased to announce that at 7:30 PM on Wednesday October 28th Nisga’a architect Patrick Reid Stewart will be giving a public presentation in Saskatoon. Mr. Stewart is past-President of the Architectural Institute of British Columbia and a member of the Saskatchewan Association of Architects. Mr. Stewart’s presentation, entitled *Indigeneity in Architecture & Urban Design: A Saskatchewan Context*, will engage the audience in one of the most important questions for architects, planners and landscape architects in Saskatchewan: What is the potential for Indigeneity in urban design? This fascinating evening will be an opportunity to contemplate how the histories, cultures and places of Indigenous peoples are reflected in the built environment in cities like Saskatoon.

Alongside his professional practice based at Vancouver and Chilliwack (BC) and Montreal Lake (SK), Mr. Stewart is on the editorial advisory committee for Architecture BC magazine, President of the National Aboriginal Housing Association and Chair of the Aboriginal Homelessness Steering Committee for Metro Vancouver. He has a master’s degree in architecture from McGill University and undertook doctoral study in community and regional planning at UBC. Mr. Stewart lives on Tzeachten First Nation near Chilliwack with his partner, Cree fashion designer, Linda LaVallee.

He will be speaking at the Roxy Theatre in Riversdale. The event begins at 7:30 PM. Admission is free. Following Mr. Stewart’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.

This presentation is a part of Design Week 2009 and is funded through the Canadian Pacific Railway Partnership Program in Aboriginal Community Planning. For more information about Design Week visit the Design Council of Saskatchewan at [www.designcouncil.sk.ca/html/design_week](http://www.designcouncil.sk.ca/html/design_week) for the full calendar of Design Week events.

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