



FORUM ARCHITECTURE

A Letter to Our Members

Hi there. It has been a little while since we sat down as a group so I thought a brief information letter would be in order. The Forum can take pride in our achievements to date : Vision 2020 Session (April 1997), University Design Charrette (Jan 1998), and Architecture Goes To School (June 1998). We've done some very good works.

A meeting for the local architectural profession was set up by Ken Scherle at the Assiniboine Club on October 6, 1998 to discuss the formation of a RAIC Chapter within the Regina Area. This Chapter would undertake to create a dialogue within the civic community, working with City Council and local areas to educate and improve the urban fabric (Big box stores, downtown decay, suburban blight, etc....) The meeting was open to all within the profession (perhaps you saw the fax from Ken) and was well attended. It was basically decided that there is a good possibility and strong determination to create a Chapter here, with Ken acting as the "Coordinator" at this time.

The first question you may have is "How does this affect Forum Architecture? Well, Bob Croft put forth the idea that Forum Architecture would be a member entity of the RAIC Chapter, thereby enabling those of us who are not members of the RAIC to take part in the Chapter. It greatly affects the Forum since our local profession likely cannot support the interests of two groups. It would be increasingly difficult to run two parallel groups of similar interests.

What it all comes down to is that the RAIC Chapter will enclose the Forum as a member, and the Chapter will take the forefront in organization and community involvement. This is a concept that should be considered by all Forum members. If any of you would like, we can set up a small coffee/beer session, as we used to, in order to discuss the idea further.

The next meeting for the RAIC Chapter has been scheduled for Tuesday, November 3 @ 7:30 pm at the Assiniboine Club (2nd Floor)

Please feel free to call me (584-2020, 584-9447), fax (584-5252) or e-mail (pmgm.kd@sk.sympatico.ca) if you have any questions, comments, or whatever.

Sincerely,

