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Working around a single table, 546 unites the diverse knowledge and experience of twenty professionals. Together, we seek innovative solutions in response to the varied demands of client, context, and program. We believe that great design need not be expensive and continually seek out opportunities to explore and execute affordable, cost effective solutions for buildings and public environments. This past year has been no exception.

In addition to project recognitions, publication features and lectures worldwide, local events include participating in the Canadian Institute of Planners’ SOUL Winnipeg, presenting alongside Landscape + Urban Planning firm Scatliff+Miller+Murray; inclusion in the Culture of 5 Exhibition at the FAUM in early 2018; and most recently, the invigorating Jan Gehl lecture focused on ‘Livable Cities.’ In addition to this discourse, we are constantly working to create parallels in our practice in order to engage iterative, open-ended and ultimately flexible processes in design that allow us to achieve much more than initially imagined.

Our work has explored and continues to investigate innovations in housing design and technologies. The Housing Northwest Arkansas Professional Design Competition took place in the spring, with the University of Arkansas’ Fay Jones School of Architecture and Design awarding 5468796 Architecture as one of four finalists of the international affordable housing competition. Projects slated for or already under construction include the James Avenue Pumping Station, an extensive heritage revitalization and 37,500 sqft residential / commercial mixed-use addition that bookends the historic Winnipeg pumphouse. Courtyard 33 is also underway — a 6-storey, 70-unit mixed-use building located in Calgary and centred around an elevated courtyard for public use and enjoyment.

This September saw The RAIC’s Governor General Medals in Architecture ceremony held in Winnipeg. One of twelve recipients of the prestigious award, Parallelogram House was recognized alongside Patkau Architects, gh3, Saucier+Perrotte Architectes, MacKay-Lyons Sweetapple Architects and others for architectural work across the country.

These project highlights are a glimpse into our recent explorations — instead of looking for silver-bullet solutions our practice pursues invention as a way to re-instate legitimacy of Architecture in everyday life. We do so by finding opportunities in the most rudimentary of briefs and re-imagining the role of architecture in our city. While aiming to execute our agenda locally on all fronts, from advocacy to teaching to public engagement and making, our work continues to be recognized throughout the world for its resilience, resourcefulness and the rigorous pursuit of innovation, further inspiring us to re-invent our approach for every new challenge.

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We are passionate about design. We believe it can, and should, meaningfully improve the wellbeing of our communities and the environment we all share. And it’s great people that bring this vision to life.

Our multi-disciplinary team includes architects, urban planners, interior designers, structural, mechanical and electrical engineers, and landscape architects. We practice across Canada and the US from studios in San Francisco, Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary, and Toronto.

In a way, University of Manitoba has been contributing to DIALOG projects for years. We’re proud to have U of M alumni as part of our project and leadership teams. The Partner Program is a valuable relationship that keeps adding talented U of M grads to our team.

 alumni profile: simon ko  
Simon Ko graduated with a Master of Architecture from the University of Manitoba in 1986 and was a recipient of the Dan Muir Memorial Design Prize. He started his career designing custom homes and moved into retail and commercial projects. He practiced abroad as an architect and development consultant for resort communities in both Beijing and Shanghai before returning to Canada. Now, Simon is a principal in our Toronto studio, lending his expertise to complex mixed-use residential and commercial projects like Heron Gate in Ottawa.

 alumni profile: doug cinnamon  
Doug Cinnamon is a senior design architect and the managing principal of DIALOG’s Calgary studio. As a senior design architect, he’s worked on award winning projects such as TELUS Sky, the CP Rail Pavilion and Bankers Court Office Towers (the first LEED® Core + Shell Gold certified project in Canada). In addition, Doug has provided design leadership for numerous projects at the Calgary International Airport including the recent $1.6B International Facilities Project.

 alumni profile: janay koldingnes  
Janay Koldingnes, an associate in DIALOG’s Vancouver studio, has spent over 15 years specializing in corporate workplace design. Janay has been the lead designer and project manager on a series of major projects ranging from 10,000 sq ft to 215,000 sq ft. Janay worked in Europe where she collaborated with a Dutch architectural firm before bringing her creative experience back to Canada. Janay’s unique design aesthetic is evident in projects like the head offices of Edgar Development, LGM Financial, and STAT Search Analytics.

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A. Calgary International Airport
B. Capcom’s Vancouver Headquarters
C. University of Calgary Mackimmie Complex
On the eve of celebrating 50 years of continuous practice in 2019, HTFC Planning & Design recognizes that building bridges in the communities where we work and fostering relationships with our professional partners results in big wins beyond the scoreboard. Our work with not-for-profit and social agency partners is often behind the scenes: serving on volunteer boards, supporting projects with skilled resources; opening up discourse on civic issues; and providing donations and pro bono planning and design work to groups in need. The impact may be incremental but the collective reward to the firm is much greater. This spring, HTFC celebrated these efforts with a win in the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce’s Spirit of Winnipeg Awards in the Design and Building category, for enriching Winnipeg through community development and people-focused design. Here is a sampling of some these community outreach initiatives in 2018:

‘duets’ column series | In collaboration with the Winnipeg Free Press, HTFC launched Duets, a feature column that pairs design experts with local advocates and innovators, exploring the many shared approaches and interests between us. Everyone designs, and design is everywhere. That is, entrepreneurs, artists, and people who engage in everyday street life are all solving problems, innovating, and adding to Winnipeg’s diversity and vitality. Now in its second year, the bi-monthly column has shared stories about people who make a city, town, or landscape what it is. From gender-safe spaces to food truck urbanism, Duets has encouraged readers to explore how they contribute to the fabric of the city by sharing different ways we all design, occupy space, and tackle civic issues.

YouthStudio 2018 | YouthStudio is an HTFC pilot project designed to empower local youth to become stewards in their communities. With the aim to inspire the next generation of change makers and encourage these emerging leaders to take an active role in the future of their neighbourhoods, YouthStudio 2018 brought together some of HTFC’s rising landscape architects and designers with 30 middle school students from the Winnipeg School Division. In May, the students took part in the first phase of a two-day crash course in landscape design and related topics while creating a plan to activate a space at the corner of Sherbrook Street and Cumberland Avenue. The young designers considered how food security, public art, cultural diversity and accessibility all come in to play, and presented their ideas to the Mayor and other City representatives at City Hall. In June, the students and their families came together with volunteers and community members to build the final design.

Streetscape Cup 2018 | Riding the crest of the Winnipeg Jets whiteout wonder, this inaugural June street hockey event was actually about the scoreboard – with a healthy dose of collegial competitive good fun. Held in the renewed East Exchange District’s John Hirsch Place, designed by and located behind HTFC’s office, it took nothing more than an invitation to our neighbouring architectural firms to “Meet Us In The Woonerf!” and a two-day, six team, lunch hour street hockey tournament was spawned. With the glory and bragging rights of the Streetscape Cup going to LM Architectural Group, we are resolved to practice more in 2019. There is even rumblings about an eastern and western conference to accommodate our all of professional partners beyond the Exchange area!

We are grateful to all our clients, supporters and professional partners for being a continued source of inspiration and for making our job a pleasure.

Sincerely, Glen, Monica, Elly, Tim, Maureen, Allan, Bruce, Tina and the staff at HTFC.

Founded in 1969, HTFC Planning & Design (formerly Hilderman Thomas Frank Cram), is a forward thinking design collaborative working in the prairie, boreal forest and arctic regions of Canada. HTFC Planning & Design’s diverse team of planning and design professionals specialize in regional and community planning, landscape architecture, environmental planning, Indigenous planning, urban design and cultural resource management.

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A. the Winnipeg River Heritage Museum exterior rendering
B. Transcona Library exterior rendering
C. University of Manitoba SmartPark Innovation Hub exterior rendering
Cibinel Architecture is a design firm located in Winnipeg, Canada, specializing in higher education, cultural, and community-based projects. They focus on finding innovative and creative solutions that embody meaning. The firm’s partners, George Cibinel, Michael Acht and Michael Robertson, have developed a practice that operates around the principles of collaboration. This approach to design permeates though the entire office and is reflected in the projects they build.

Cibinel understands the importance of collaboration between team members, clients, subconsultants, and sometimes other architecture firms, as a means of creating the best possible solutions.

The new Transcona Library is a project that emerged from the collaborative process between the architect, the client, and the larger community. Designed as a centrally located hub, the library is largely an open and fully accessible floor plan, offering flexible study and leisure areas and an indoor family literacy playground. The design intent was to create a highly transparent building where the activity within the library is prominently on display. The north and south façades of the building therefore, provide a clear view into the main library area and create transparency completely through the building.

The Smartpark Innovation Hub at the University of Manitoba, currently in construction, is a 75,000 sq. ft. information exchange centre at the University’s Fort Garry Campus. The facility will become a central gathering place for the Smartpark business community, province-wide university researchers and the local technology industry. The centre will provide ‘incubator space’ for start-up businesses, supporting commercialization and professional services, encouraging partnerships to drive the creation of new technologies, and ultimately growing the number of local start-up companies.

The Winnipeg River Heritage Museum, a space serving to provide access to the rich history of the Winnipeg River Corridor, sits on the edge of the Winnipeg River in the heart of the St. Georges community. The Museum has been a staple in the rural community for generations and is the repository of family memories and community stories. The building’s form, with its long curving north wall, is reminiscent of the meandering line of the Winnipeg River. It introduces the visitor to its theme and, with the exterior exhibits, sets a stage for what the visitor is about to experience.

Since its inception, Cibinel Architecture has pursued designs that enable and encourage personal and physical well-being. Their belief is that good design is reflective of the unique client, site, and project parameters.
With over 85 years of experience serving our community, GBR joined Stantec in 2004. Today, Stantec Architecture and Buildings Engineering is pleased to continue to build on the legacy left by GBR Architects and Engineers at University of Manitoba’s Faculty of Engineering designing the infrastructure that facilitates the training of emerging engineers and ongoing research including the original mid-century Engineering 2 and 3 buildings, the new Engineering and Information Technology Complex, the Structures Lab, and Stanley Pauley Engineering Centre through to today’s new $18 million Stanley Pauley Engineering Building currently under construction forming a new marquee for the Engineering precinct upon entering the campus along Dafoe Road.