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Indigenuity in Architecture



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Architecture is an instrument that - given the right client and program - can contribute to social change. And yet, while in the "Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action" there are actions directed at museums, educators, and the media, there is no mention of architecture. There is a current interest in providing architecture that is more sensitive to indigenous peoples, both within existing spaces, and with new rural and urban landscapes. Many would term this as "indigenizing spaces".

Alfred, a leading aboriginal architect, will focus on an indigenous approach to architecture that is based on a synthesis of cultural sensitivity and environmental responsibility. The purpose of the presentation is to describe a methodology to designing buildings that focuses on a holistic view of man's interconnectedness with the environment based on an Indigenous philosophical approach.

The lecture will use projects from Alfred Waugh's portfolio that demonstrate a new approach to grounding culture without losing a connection to the past and learning from passive sustainable strategies of indigenous architecture. Emphasis will be on the exploration of the use of wood in various interpretations of First Nations Culture.

Alfred Waugh born in Yellowknife, North West Territories is one of a handful of aboriginal architects with their own practice. His firm Formline Architecture specializes in culturally and environmentally sensitive projects and has extensive experience with First Nations, cultural societies, and educational institutions. His firm is dedicated to developing solutions that reflect the culture, community, and geographic regions specific to each project. The designs are a direct response to site context, topography, climate, and regional materials.

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