

**RAIC | IRAC 2026 RAIC CONFERENCE
ON ARCHITECTURE**
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TUESDAY MAY 5, 2026				
9:00 - 17:00 UIA (Orca Room), FIFA (Beluga Room) and National Student Showcase Exhibition (Junior Foyer)				
9:00 - 10:00	Evolving Climate Leadership: New Strategies for Sustainability in Post-Secondary Institutions Junior A/B	Beyond the Spreadsheet: The Architect's Digital Standard of Care Junior C	9:00 - 10:15 RAIC SPONSORED SESSION: Fast Track or False Track: Revisiting "Build Canada Homes" Junior D	Architectural Tours 9:00 - 12:00 Tour Meet-Up Desk Vancouver's Olympic Village: Lessons Learned 837 Beatty St – An Innovative Mass Timber Heritage Rehabilitation and Addition Hillcrest Aquatic Centre – Mass Timber in Practice
10:00 - 10:30	Break (Junior Foyer)			
10:30 - 11:30	Regulations-Ready Prefabricated Timber Housing for Mid-Rise Communities Junior A/B	Architecture and Care: Research Method Design Practice Junior C	10:15 - 11:30 RAIC SPONSORED SESSION: The Price of Architecture: From Value to Action Junior D	Architectural Tours 13:45 - 16:45 Tour Meet-Up Desk Skytrain Integrated Developments - Broadway Subway Great Northern Way Station with PCI Señákw - A Skwxwú7mesh Led Development Marpole Community Centre: Construction Site Tour Towering Vancouver
12:00 - 13:30	RAIC Keynote Lunch: Designing in a National Park: Lessons from the Banff 200-Block Competition (Grand Ballroom)			
13:45 - 14:45	Reconciliation Beyond Design: Indigenous Engagement at Atlantic Science Enterprise Centre Junior A/B	House Fire: The Varsity Multi-Service Centre as Integrated Urban Intervention Junior C	RAIC SPONSORED SESSION: Collaborative Solutions for the Future in Long-Term Care Design Junior D	
14:45 - 15:00	Break (Junior Foyer)			
15:00 - 16:00	RAIC SPONSORED SESSION: Headwinds in BC: What Is the Business Case for Decarbonization? Junior A/B	Foundations for a New Era: Can Wood Do the Job? Junior C	Practice Pedagogy: Rethinking the Professional Practice Course Junior D	
16:15 - 17:30	Emerging Professionals Mix and Mingle (Grand Ballroom)			
17:30 - 19:00	AIA Canada Reception (Grand Ballroom)			
19:00 - 22:00	Opening Keynote & Reception (Pavilion Ballroom)			

WEDNESDAY MAY 6, 2026				
7:30 - 8:30	Breakfast on the Expo Floor (Pavilion Ballroom)			
9:00 - 17:00 UIA (Orca Room), FIFA (Beluga Room) and National Student Showcase Exhibition (Junior Foyer)				
8:30 - 9:30	Creating North America's Most Entrepreneurial Context Embedded Design School Junior A/B	Architecture for the Super-ageing Era: Field Notes from Japan Junior C	Rethinking Urban Growth: Low-Rise Multi-Unit Infill Housing Junior D	Architectural Tours 9:00 - 12:00 Tour Meet-Up Desk Langara College: A Living Master Plan The Great White Way: Granville Street Walking Tour Vancouver's Olympic Village: Lessons Learned
9:30 - 9:45	Break (Pavilion Ballroom)			
9:45 - 10:45	Expanding the Role of Precast Concrete in Mid-Rise Residential Construction Junior A/B	Mass Timber: Innovation, Challenges, and Replicability Junior C	Centennial Icon vs. Populist Politics: The Demise of Ontario's Science Centre Junior D	
10:45 - 11:00	Break (Pavilion Ballroom)			
11:00 - 12:00	RAIC SPONSORED SESSION: Professional Practice Working Group: Contracts Selection and RAIC Advocacy Junior A/B	Cognitive Neuroscience: Nurturing Human Nature through Design Junior C	Equity Seeking Architecture/ Architecture Seeking Equity Junior D	
12:00 - 13:00	Expo Networking Lunch (Pavilion Ballroom)			
13:00 - 17:30	Industry Showcase (Pavilion Ballroom)			
18:00 - 19:45	RAIC College of Fellows and Syllabus Graduates Convocation (Vancouver Playhouse: 600 Hamilton Street, Vancouver BC V6Z 2V4)			
20:00 - 22:00	RAIC College of Fellows and Syllabus Graduates Reception (Cosentino: 1640 W 3rd Ave, Vancouver, BC V6J 1K2)			

8:30 - 17:30
RAIC Expo on Architecture (Pavilion Ballroom)
Expo doors are open to the public from 1:00 PM to 5:30PM

13:00 - 17:30
Industry Showcase (Pavilion Ballroom)

13:00 - 13:15 The Wall Dilemma: Split vs Exterior Insulation
13:15 - 13:30 Achieving Energy Efficiency and Sustainability with Skylights
13:30 - 13:45 Unlocking the Potential of Offsite Wood Construction
13:45 - 14:00 Exhibitor Mingle & Break

14:00 - 14:15 Masonry Partition Walls: From Outdated Rules-of-Thumb to Modern Design Guide
14:15 - 14:30 Skylights & Glass Floors - Fire-Rated Glass Systems
14:30 - 14:45 Carbon Reduction Strategies Through Applied Fireproofing
14:45 - 15:15 Exhibitor Mingle & Break

15:15 - 15:30 Avoiding flooring issues begins with correct specifications
15:30 - 15:45 How Architects Can Redefine Sustainable Design vs Economics
15:45 - 16:00 Blueprint for Efficiency: A Smarter Operations for Architect Firms
16:00 - 16:15 Exhibitor Mingle & Break

16:15 - 16:30 Heavy Metal as a Tool for a Light Carbon Footprint
16:30 - 16:45 Residential Elevators for an Accessible Home
16:45 - 17:00 Crafting Nature's Strength into Marvels
17:00 - 17:30 Exhibitor Mingle & Break

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THURSDAY MAY 7, 2026

9:00 - 17:00 | **UIA** (Orca Room), **FIFA** (Beluga Room) and **National Student Showcase Exhibition** (Junior Foyer)

9:00 - 10:00	RAIC SPONSORED SESSION: Indigenous Task Force Beyond Adoption: United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the architectural profession Junior A/B	Measuring Urban Quality: The Place Profile Framework for Evidence-Based Design Junior C	ACADEMIC SUMMIT 01: Climate Actions Junior D	Architectural Tours 9:30 - 12:30 Tour Meet-Up Desk Vienna House. Making Concepts Reality. UBC School of Biomedical Engineering Gordon B. Shrum Building & UBC Sauder School of Business Powerhouse Expansion - Under Construction RandersTegl Danish Bricks Elevate Gibson Art Museum with Bold Design
10:00 - 10:15	Break (Pavilion Ballroom)			
10:15 - 11:15	RAIC SPONSORED SESSION: Reconciliation: A Journey Not a Checkbox - Truth, Accountability, and the Roles of Architects in Relation Junior A/B	Outcompeting in the Age of Digital and AI Junior C	ACADEMIC SUMMIT 02: Pedagogies Under Construction Junior D	
11:15 - 11:30	Break (Pavilion Ballroom)			
11:30 - 12:30	Elevating the Architect's Value Proposition Through Innovative Advisory Services Junior A/B	Low-cost is Low-carbon: Practical Design, Materials, and Policy Playbook Junior C	ACADEMIC SUMMIT 03: Collaborative Learning: Community, Partnerships, Architecture Junior D	
12:30 - 14:00	RAIC Keynote Lunch: Moshe Safdie: Garden Typologies for the Mega City (Grand Ballroom)			
14:00 - 15:00	The Grenfell Tower Tragedy - Lessons Learned for Canadian Architects Junior A/B	Designing Inclusive Infrastructure That Works for Everyone: Starting with the Margins Junior C	ACADEMIC SUMMIT 04: Histories and Futures: Canadian Architectural Discourse Junior D	Architectural Tours 14:15 - 16:00 Tour Meet-Up Desk The Great White Way: Granville Street Walking Tour 981 Davie - Design & Construction Tour
15:00 - 16:00	RAIC Foundation Awards (Junior D)			
16:00 - 19:30	Studio Crawl			
19:30 - 22:00	Last Stop (Henriquez Partners Architects: 598 W Georgia Street)			

FRIDAY MAY 8, 2026

9:00 - 17:00 | **UIA** (Orca Room), **FIFA** (Beluga Room) and **National Student Showcase Exhibition** (Junior Foyer)

9:00 - 9:45				Architectural Tours 9:00 - 12:00 Tour Meet-Up Desk UBC School of Biomedical Engineering Gordon B. Shrum Building & UBC Sauder School of Business Powerhouse Expansion - Under Construction RandersTegl Danish Bricks Elevate Gibson Art Museum with Bold Design
9:45 - 10:45	Indigenous led design for thriving communities Junior A/B	Single Egress Buildings: The Key to the Missing Middle Junior C	AI in Architecture: Designing for Sustainability and Humanity Junior D	
10:45 - 11:00	Break (Pavilion Ballroom)			
11:00 - 12:00	Advocacy and Inclusive Practice: Lessons from Women in Architecture Junior A/B	Sediment to Surface: Printing and Growing Low Carbon Architecture Junior C	Unpacking the 2025 CMHC National Housing Catalogue Junior D	
12:00 - 13:30	Lunch with a Fellow (Grand Ballroom)			
13:30 - 14:30	Mass Timber Mania Junior A/B	Integrating Meaningful Access from the Ground Up: Strategies for Preconstruction Junior C	Natural and Human Disasters and the Effects on Persons with Disabilities Junior D	Architectural Tours 13:45 - 16:45 Tour Meet-Up Desk Urban Sketching Tour : Vancouver Through Waterways Señákw - A Skwxwú7mesh Led Development Skytrain Integrated Developments - Broadway Subway Great Northern Way Station with PCI
14:30 - 14:45	Break (Pavilion Ballroom)			
14:45 - 15:45	Shared Ground: Leveraging Social Purpose Infrastructure for Affordable Housing Junior A/B	Leading with Sustainability: How LEEDv5 will affect Project Delivery Junior C	From Monument to Experience: Reimagining and Enhancing Heritage Encounters Junior D	
15:45 - 16:45	Designing for Future Climate: Resources for building professionals (Junior C)		Archi-Poetry (Junior D)	
18:00 - 19:00	RAIC's President's Reception (Pavilion Ballroom)			
19:00 - 21:00	RAIC's President's Dinner (Grand Ballroom)			
20:00 TO LATE	After/Parti Nightcap (Pavilion Ballroom)			