

**Ontario Association of Architects
Members of Council**

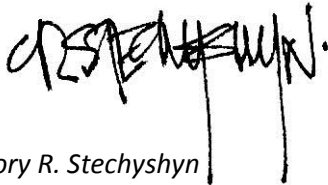
**Regarding: Northwestern Ontario Society of Architects
2012-2013 Annual Report Summary**

Dear Members of Council,

It has been a year of transformation for our local society – thanks to the support of the OAA through the OAA Special Funding; we have gone through the process to rebrand the Thunder Bay Society of Architects with a renaming to the “*Northwestern Ontario Society of Architects.*” Money from the special funding was used to create the societies first ever branding with a new logo and website. The funding also helped the society launch its “Design Local – Build Local” campaign that saw the development of a series of billboards raising awareness of the spectacular work being completed in Northwestern Ontario by members of the Northwestern Ontario Society of Architects.

Our local society continues to provide awards to local College and University for the Lakehead University Fine Arts program and Confederation College Architectural Technology program. Three awards of \$500 value each are presented to students in these programs each year. This is also the inaugural year for the NWOSA-Urban Design Award that will recognize a local business / property owner who has renovated, built or developed a property that provides a positive contribution to the quality of our urban environment. The recipient will receive recognition through the placement of a park bench with a plaque bearing the recipient’s name, and planting of a tree within a local park coordinated with the city’s parks department. This award has a value of \$1,400.00 and is funded by local society fees.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CORY R. STECHYSHYN', with a vertical line extending downwards from the end of the signature.

Cory R. Stechyshyn
Chair – Northwestern Ontario Society of Architects