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SAMPSON, Barry Wayne (1948 – 2020)

Barry Sampson was added to the OAA Honour Roll for his outstanding contribution to both the practice of contemporary architecture, and for the teaching and study of architecture at the School of Architecture, University of Toronto. Born in Oshawa, Ont. on May 30, 1948, he graduated from that School in 1972, then served as intern and assistant in the newly created office of George Baird, Architect in Toronto. In 1982, Baird invited Sampson to form a new partnership, and their business flourished, with commissions from major institutional clients from the government and university sector. They were later joined by John Neuert in 1998, and their Toronto office of Baird Sampson Neuert Architects remains active today.

Sampson served as project architect or project advisor for four major landmarks that were designed and completed in their office: Bay/Adelaide Park, Toronto (1994), the Butterfly Conservatory, Niagara Falls

(2001), Erindale Residence Hall, University of Toronto at Mississauga (2006), and the French River Visitor Centre in northern Ontario (2010). Three of these projects received the Governor General's Medals in Architecture, the most prestigious prize for architecture in Canada. In addition, the practice has received eight Design Excellence Awards from the Ontario Association of Architects, as well as the coveted Honour Award from the American Institute of Architects in Washington, D.C. Sampson served as Project Architect for many of the latter projects located throughout Ontario.

He has also devoted nearly three decades serving as a professor of architecture at the University of Toronto, inspiring successive generations of students with his passion for design, and continually stressing the importance of sustainability in all aspects of the contemporary built environment. He was elected as a Fellow of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada in 2001. Sampson died in Toronto on December 5, 2020.