



Windsor Region Society of Architects (WRSa)  
**2018 Annual Report Summary**

The Society's goals over the last year have been to maintain and expand on its three primary mandates of outreach, activism and awareness.

We continued to upgrade and update our webpage [www.wrsarchitects.ca](http://www.wrsarchitects.ca) with refreshed content including society members, member firms, history of the society, projects, listing of Society's activities as well commencing "online" registration of our special events and meetings through our Eventbrite account.

We have continued to support our social media presence with both original and edited content through our Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts which we also used regularly throughout the year to post our activities. Our society has continued to maintain and expand on links established with the Michigan Chapter of the Congress of New Urbanism, the MiCNU with senior members of this organization participating in various WRSa events.

Our activism this year again focused primarily on the new Mega Hospital being planned for our region and specifically the site selection process. Our Society developed a sub-committee to specifically study the process and site in order to provide opinion to the municipality and provincial government. The sub-committee completed its detailed report in the summer. Consultation was undertaken with the OAA and Letter of Support was provided. This report was forwarded to various levels of the provincial and municipal governments. The process culminated in the WRSa attending a Municipal Council meeting in which it presented its findings, answered questions and provided a strong opinion against locating the Mega Hospital in a rural, greenfield farm land site on an undeveloped, periphery site on the outer limits of the City. Our Society continues to promote a downtown, urban site and voice its opposition to the rural site.

Our Society expanded its role in this year's City of Windsor "Open Streets" event which involved the temporary closure of roadways to vehicular traffic, allowing people to use them for a host of healthy and fun physical activities. WRSa engaged the public directly during this event through two booths, in the heritage districts of Sandwich Town and Ford City, providing information cards, WRSa swag, and promoting Society events.

We were honoured to once again support the Windsor International Film Festival (WIFF); the second largest volunteer-run film festival in Canada. Our society directly supported four films related to architecture and planning and were proud to be the "Official Downtown Windsor Champion" once again supporting the WIFF's permanent office and downtown screening venues.

## 2018 Report of Special Funding Use and Outcome

WRSA received a total of \$11,000 of special funding last year. OAA Council approved funding to the WRSA to be allocated in accordance with two of our Society’s requests for the following: \$6,000 to the support the WRSA’s involvement in the Windsor International Film Festival and \$5,000 for the Doors Open Windsor Event.

WRSA used all of the \$6,000 special funding plus an additional \$2,000 from the funds received for the Doors Open Event for the WIFF to bring in four architecturally based films. This is the highlight of our community outreach each year and felt the additional funds were warranted in order to keep our priority in support of this event and specifically our “Spotlight on Architecture” and “Official Downtown Windsor Champion” designation. For Doors Open Windsor our support of \$1,000 was used for the “Ford City” History by Her Colling Guest Speaker event as well to support transportation and advertising. We used \$1,220 of the remaining funds to support the Open Streets Event which included the purchase of business cards, WRSA Banners, Canopy Tents, Folding Tables, Water Bottles and liability insurance. Finally, the remaining \$780 was used to support dinner meetings and associated costs with preparing the Mega Hospital report.

Photos from Various Events



**WINDSOR INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL 2018 · OCTOBER 29 - NOVEMBER 4**

# SPOTLIGHT ON ARCHITECTURE

FOR THE FIFTH YEAR, THE WINDSOR REGION SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTS (WRSA) HAS JOINED FORCES WITH WIFF TO PROMOTE A NUMBER OF FICTION AND NON-FICTION FILMS THAT BRING ATTENTION TO ARCHITECTURAL CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION - AND MAKE THE VIEWER CONSIDER THE ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH THEY EAT, SLEEP, WORK AND PLAY.

**BIG TIME**



**ANTHROPOCENE**



**ALWAYS AT THE CARLYLE**



**UNARMED VERSES**



FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT [WINDSORFILMFESTIVAL.COM](http://WINDSORFILMFESTIVAL.COM)

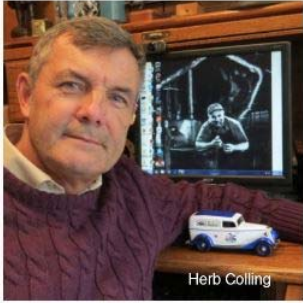
Windsor International Film Festival Spotlight on Architecture



Open Streets



Mega Hospital Rezoning Council Meeting



**“Ford City” History by Herb Colling**

Learn about Ford City’s storied past, from making cars, to rum running to a thriving cultural centre for people of the Border Cities.

Saturday, September 22 at 2:00 p.m.  
St. John the Divine Church Hall  
1094 Drouillard Road  
(no wheelchair access)  
Parking at Gino Marcus Community Centre

**Limited Seating**

Doors Open Windsor Guest Speaker

Respectfully Submitted,

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Encl: WRSA 2018 Financial Report