

Memo to Builders March 31, 2023

By the times now communities everywhere experience new challenges which are not to be undermined yet be treated with respect. For those of us who are bravely in leadership or in new interactive experiences, the principle to be in mind is that which we treasure most of all, the making of the architecture which makes so much possible for the future for communities where we work. So upon the truth that our presence did bring excellent new wealth to the province in which we have been building, we look again to see what the achievement has been, how it has been done, and what forwards our future together.

The five items:

1) Canadian cities look towards understanding very tall vertical architecture which has been made. Contexts in urban conditions were carefully deliberated upon for the designs which were realized. The newest designs are being reviewed and their amiable geometry may yet find acceptance by another Canadian city. These also have considerations of urban context, where the question lies before the architects concerns what proportions should fit with the mentality of locals who would behold the vertical architecture. There were reports in older days that there is a sense of intimidation at first in the very tall. Therefore, for cities whose people like to enjoy the 360 degree view of the blue horizon, our designs will present the architecture as buildings which take them softly into the future, architecturally.

2) In addition to protective zoning which is being worked on, the subject of greening continues to be of interest for awareness towards application. The Canadian way of being with nature has seen some promotion recently - the idea that natural growth is to be appreciated is one which is intriguing for how yet to apply such an idea for interiors? As is usual, the simplest things require great complexity. It is probable that to cultivate natural greenery for natural growth indoors will require quite a complex set of subinfrastructural installation which would be built prior to completion but perhaps could be added with an industrial aesthetics, similar to exposed pipes, after completion of the skyscrapers. The maintenance of natural greenery in the architectural interiors, which would be realized to different degrees, can become quite costly but possibly education locally for such an endeavor could ease costs if interest exists and expertise is available.

3) Delays have occurred in advancing with professional communication here. While efforts continue amidst diverse interest for the right connections, my question is still of concern related to whether locally builders have what they need to plan for the future after so much work has been accomplished by them. Perhaps locals will be able to communicate horizontally and vertically to ensure that good will will continue to be expressed while compensation is to be negotiated in the future. Arriving at the junction where our contributions could be made in other locations is the proper goal to be held before us.

4) To return the society that will uptake the architecture which was carefully negotiated locally to proper popular basis, the subject of fair trade was examined related with the subject of the prevention of corruption. It will continue to be examined. The outcome, it is hoped, is that investment in local interests and growth of economy will occur over time while proper

compensation is provided, also over time, to those who have worked so hard with so little returns. It must be noted that such a business model as before mentioned in previous memos is quite difficult to design and negotiate. One of the architects who had been working most recently did submit ideas quite well aligned with the direction we want to head.

5) Architectural space as a resource is a notion quite likely to find reception in these Canadian locations. Just as nature needs to be protected for one reason that it contains growth which is finite and vested over time, so too space which do not find its pristine shape is also finite in a city. Skyscrapers express the sophistication to a city which bring pride. Its vertical arrangements make a small footprint while enabling lots of space. Some report that views from a skyscraper at different floors could make new environments out of any particular space within it. In the architecture world which finds its expressions in different ways in different countries, skyscrapers remain one of the most treasured and well regarded new architecture.

Raising the affluence of peoples in these times is challenging to all those who create new grounds amidst those circumstances which makes it unfavorable. Yet, in architecture, the making of what supports the peoples has always found realization despite thereof. It is the pride of the tradition that continuation of works will do no matter the unusual and bizarre. Thoughts of those overseas are ones still visible to us today. It is unknowable from here what circumstances they did find but returning home some of them are so perhaps tomorrow our efforts will become united.

Thank you.

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