



MICHAEL HEENEY ARCHITECT AIBC, FRAIC, RI(BC), LEED AP

Principal

Michael Heeney (Architect AIBC, FRAIC) has been integral to the growth and success of BTA since joining in the late 1980s. Michael leads local and international projects, often ones without precedent and in highly complex situations and jurisdictions. His expertise is seeing projects through to reality; he makes them happen. From conception to fruition, Michael uses creativity and diplomacy to move ideas forward, bring people together and create synergies.

Michael excels in leading talented creative teams on complex, multi-dimensional design projects. These include First Baptist Church redevelopment (Vancouver, BC), Arena Stage (Washington, DC), SFU Surrey Engineering building, Central City/SFU Surrey, Tarrant County College (Fort Worth, Texas), Guildford Aquatic Centre, Surrey City Centre Library and the Chan Centre for the Performing Arts (Vancouver, BC). With his business acumen, Michael is involved in negotiations and project funding on behalf of his clients. He uses his sense of humanity and urbanism to help clients make informed decisions about building responsibly in their cities and on their sites. These, together with his background in the performing arts, have enhanced Michael's passionate belief in the importance of creativity and culture in contributing to the health and vitality of urban centers and in elevating communities through innovative urban design and architecture.

He is committed to his community personally as well as professionally and has served or serves on the boards of the PuSh Festival, the Vancouver Economic Development Commission, Vancouver Art Gallery, the Advisory Board for the School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture (UBC), the Downtown Vancouver Association, the Vancouver Chapter of Lambda Alpha International, and as a juror for the Canada Council for the Arts and RAIC / Architecture Canada. His work demonstrates a fundamental belief in the transformative power of architecture to improve the aesthetic and physical, as well as the economic and social conditions, of a community.

Michael has been an invited speaker at many different conferences, organizations, and universities throughout North America and Asia.

Education

Diploma in Urban Land Economics, University of British Columbia
Bachelor of Architecture, University of British Columbia
Bachelor of Arts, Trinity College, University of Toronto

Professional Affiliations

Member, Architectural Institute of British Columbia (Architect)
Fellow, Royal Architectural Institute of Canada
Member, Urban Land Institute
Member, National Council of Architectural Registration Boards
Member and President, Lambda Alpha International (Vancouver Chapter)
Accredited Professional, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)
Member, Real Estate Institute of British Columbia
Fellow, Real Estate Institute of Canada
Member, Project Management Institute

Project Experience

Central City/SFU Surrey, Surrey BC
Arena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater, Washington DC
Trinity Uptown Plan, Fort Worth, TX
Tarrant County College - Trinity River East Campus, Fort Worth TX
Surrey City Centre Library, Surrey BC
MacEwan University's Centre for Arts and Communications, Edmonton AB
Arts Commons, Calgary AB
Woodridge Neighbourhood Library, Washington, DC
Sunset Community Centre, Vancouver, BC
SAIT Polytechnic Campus Master Plan, Calgary, AB
SAIT Polytechnic Parkade, Calgary, AB
Whistler Celebration Plaza, Whistler, BC
Aberdeen Square, Richmond, BC
Guildford Aquatic Centre, Surrey, BC

In progress

University of Chicago Center in Hong Kong, Hong Kong
First Baptist Church redevelopment, Vancouver, BC
SFU Surrey Engineering building, Surrey, BC