

News Release

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LSTAR launches its first Don Smith Commercial Building Awards

The London and St. Thomas Association of REALTORS® (LSTAR) is pleased to announce the launch of its first Don Smith Commercial Building Awards.

Judging will be based on the evaluation of eligible applications from investment, commercial or industrial buildings, development or renovation projects located within the jurisdiction of LSTAR. The initial categories for LSTAR's Commercial Building Awards are:

- Commercial (including retail and office buildings);
- Industrial;
- Multi-family; and
- Institutional (Community).

“This award is a great opportunity to recognize and reward excellence in commercial building in LSTAR's jurisdiction,” says Larin Shouldice, LSTAR's Regional Commercial Council Chair.

LSTAR is pleased to announce its prestigious panel of judges, comprised of respected industry leaders in the community:

- **Paul Berton**, Editor-in-Chief, The London Free Press
- **Bill Code**, Associate Professor and Director, Urban Development Program, The University of Western Ontario
- **John Fleming**, Manager of Land Use Planning, City of London
- **Gerry Macartney**, CEO/General Manager, London Chamber of Commerce
- **Peter Whatmore**, Senior Vice President, CB Richard Ellis

The judging criteria for LSTAR's Commercial Building Awards will be:

- Building, development or renovation located within LSTAR's jurisdiction;
- Sensitive to the environment;
- Design and innovation;

- Answers a specific developmental need within the community; and
- Completed between January 2007 and June 2009.

Nominations are to be received by LSTAR by September 30, 2009 at 4:30 pm. Awards will be announced at a reception in February 2010.

Please send nominations to:

Don Smith Commercial Building Awards\ London and St. Thomas Association of REALTORS®

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