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Winners of 2013 Don Smith Commercial Building Awards Announced

The winners of the Don Smith Commercial Building Awards, established by the Regional Commercial Council (RCC) of the London and St. Thomas Association of REALTORS® (LSTAR) and sponsored by CBRE, Dancor Construction, Elgin County and Millennium Real Estate Solutions, were announced on February 4th to a capacity crowd at the London Club. According to Jack Lane, RCC Chair Elect, the awards program was established, “to recognize, reward and celebrate excellence and innovation in commercial building right here at home.” The program was named after the late **Don Smith**, legendary co-founder of EllisDon, a world-renowned construction company with London roots.

The 20 entrants to the competition were judged on how environmentally sensitive the individual buildings were; on design and innovation; and on the extent to which they met a specific developmental need within the broader community. A total of 9 awards were presented. The panel of distinguished judges included:

- **Bill Code**, Professor Emeritus and Founding Director of the Urban Development Program of the Western University
- **David Murphy**, President, Murphy and Murphy Architects Inc.
- **Joe Ruscitti**, Editor in Chief of the London Free Press;
- **Jim Yanchula**, Manager, Community Planning and Design, City of London;
- **Peter White**, Executive Director of Government Relations and Strategic Partnerships, Western University; who was our chair of the Judges Panel

Before the Awards ceremony began, Don Smith was honoured by Brian Waltham, VP EllisDon Corporation, Don's daughter Lynne Cram and a special toast given by Don's great friend Claude Pensa Q.C.

Awards were presented for:

Commercial Building Achievement Category (two categories)

- Commercial Renovation Winner
3M Canada Corporate Headquarters Expansion and Renovation (300 Tartan Dr);

- Commercial New Build Winner
725-751 Fanshawe Park Road West

Industrial Building Achievement Category (two categories)

- Industrial Renovation
Columbia Sportswear Canadian Headquarters (1425 Max Brose Drive);

- Industrial New Build Winner
Southwest Doors & hardware Ltd. (3851 Commerce Road);

Institutional Building Achievement Category (three categories)

- Institutional Education Winner
The Richard Ivey School of Business, Western University (1255 Western Road);

- Institutional Healthcare Winner
St. Thomas Regional Mental Health Care (467 Sunset Dr, St. Thomas);

- Institutional Community Winner
St. André Bessette Catholic Secondary School (2727 Tokala Trail);

Industrial Technology Achievement Winner

Wind Engineering Energy & Environment Dome (Windeee) (2535 Advanced Ave.)

Multi-Family Building Achievement Winner

The Residenza Italia (1109 Hamilton Road)

Also present at the event were **Jim Holody**, 2014 LSTAR President, Members of the RCC Executive, **Jack Lane**, the RCC Chair Elect as well as **Phil Dorner**, President of

OREA, Phil Nanavati, Chair Elect of the Canadian Commercial Council, Eavan Travers, Ontario Director of the Canadian Commercial Council.

The London and St. Thomas Association of REALTORS® (LSTAR) is one of Canada's fifteen largest real estate associations, representing 1,500 REALTORS® working in Middlesex and Elgin Counties, a trading area of 500,000 residents. LSTAR adheres to a Quality of Life philosophy, supporting growth that fosters economic vitality, provides housing opportunities, respects the environment and builds good communities and safe neighbourhoods and is a proud participant in the REALTORS Care Foundation's Every REALTOR™ Campaign. As members of the Canadian Real Estate Association, LSTAR members may use the REALTOR® trademark, which identifies them as real estate professionals who subscribe to a strict code of ethics. The Association operates the local Multiple Listing Service® (MLS®) and provides ongoing professional education courses for its members.

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