

News Release

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Winners of 2015 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, Colliers International, Dancor Construction, EllisDon Corporation, ListCentral and National Bank, were announced on February 3rd to a capacity crowd at the London Club. According to Joe Pereira, RCC Chair, 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 19 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:

- **Sean Dyke**, Manager of the St. Thomas Economic Development Corporation
- **David Murphy**, President, Murphy and Murphy Architects Inc.
- **Joe Ruscitti**, Editor in Chief of the London Free Press;
- **Jim Yanchula**, Manager, Urban Regeneration, City of London-Planning Services;
- **Peter White**, Executive Director of Government Relations and Strategic Partnerships, Western University; who was our chair of the Judges Panel

Awards were presented for:

Commercial Building Achievement Category (three categories)

Commercial Renovation Winner

a-LiNK Architecture Inc. Office (136 Wellington Road, London)

Commercial Office Retail Winner

Nixon Medical Centre (510 Southdale Road West, London)

Commercial Repurpose Winner

The London Roundhouse (240 Waterloo Street, London)

Industrial Building Achievement Category

Kaiser Aluminum Manufacturing Plant Expansion (3021 Gore Rd., London)

Institutional Building Achievement Category (five categories)

Institutional New Winner (tie)

Elgin St. Thomas Public Health Unit (1230 Talbot St., St. Thomas)

No.7 Fire Station (1295 Webster St., London)

Institutional Healthcare Winner

St. Joseph's Health Care London- Milestone 2 Phase 3 (268 Grosvenor St., London)

Institutional Heritage Winner

The Elgin County Courthouse (4 Wellington St., ST. Thomas)

Institutional Education Winner (tie)

Clare Hall and Mercato at Brescia University College (271 Ramsey Rd., London)

Ontario Hall Student Residence- Western University (230 Sarnia Rd., London)

Institutional Repurpose Winner

Howard W. Rundle Centre for Digital & Performance Arts Fanshawe College
(137 Dundas St., London)

Multi-Family Building Achievement Category

Multi-Family Building Achievement Winner

77 Tecumseh Ave., London

Also present at the event were Stacey Evoy, 2016 LSTAR President, Members of the RCC Executive, **Joe Pereira**, the RCC Chair, **Jack Lane**, the RCC Past Chair as well as, **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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