Construction is now complete!

**Time to cut the ribbon…**

Building upon our successes and work in promoting universal design principles and accessibility issues with the stakeholders of built spaces in Winnipeg, and in celebration of the Access Advisory Committee’s 20th year, the committee has completed the makeover of its annual awards program – the Access Awards.

Presented and administered by the City of Winnipeg’s Access Advisory Committee, the Access Awards raise awareness regarding the importance of accessibility and universal design in the City of Winnipeg. Universal design makes life more equitable, safe, comfortable and affordable for everyone, including people with disabilities. These annual awards honour projects that incorporate physical access, communication access and/or way finding.

What is different this year?

**You have to go to be in the know…**

Formerly known as the City Accessibility Awards, the 2014 Access Awards now have a different category structure and an updated criteria for eligibility. Further, all nominees and award recipients will be announced at a celebratory event. Nominees will not be announced in advance.

This event is an excellent opportunity to network with other architects, designers, project owners, students and other professionals in the field.

The organizing committee has selected the theme “Celebrating our

successes and the increased use of universal design over the years”,

which will be highlighted through a comedic retrospective showing how we have changed our “Best Practices” over the past eleven years.

Save the date!

**Celebrating accessibility…**

This new gala evening will be held **Wednesday, September 10th, 2014**, at the Met Entertainment Centre, where we will announce the winner of the City’s Award of Excellence in Design and all the 2014 nominees and the category winners in an Academy Awards-style programme. The event includes dinner, wine and entertainment. Hope to see you there!

Call for Nominations

**Recognizing great local work…**

The nomination process is now open and it is time to recognize the great work that has been recently completed in our city. We have attached the new nomination package and form that has all of the information needed to nominate a project. This material can also be found on our web site at: www.aacwinnipeg.mb.ca

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