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CARL SMYTH

Carl Smyth (B.Arch.74) can be often heard to say "Do not embark on a design commission unless you can improve your client's lifestyle in his or her, worship, work, play, or built environment." As can be witnessed in the city of Fredericton, where it is difficult to take a few steps without encountering one of Carl's projects, he has improved many a lifestyle.

Carl's long love affair with architectural practice began in the office of Hennessey-Watson Associated Ltd. after graduation in 1974. **A.J. Hennessey** managed the Charlottetown office while **W.J. Watson** managed the Fredericton office and Carl was the project architect. After two years Carl was made junior partner and shortly after became a full partner when the firm of Watson-Smyth Associates Ltd. was formed. Finally in 1985, Carl fulfilled his dream by incorporating his own practice called carl r. smyth architect. ltd. (crs).

For an extremely happy and busy 7 years afterward Carl worked side by side with his wife **Carmel Smyth** who managed the office of crs. Together they created a warm family-like office environment and established a wide base of clients across their native Province of New Brunswick and beyond. In 1992 the firm became known as Goguen-Smyth Architects Ltd. with the understanding that Carl would retire in 1997. Not yet ready to see the affair end, however, Carl was tempted into forming his present sole proprietorship of smyth design Inc.

As humble as his office names, written in lowercase letters, Carl's design philosophy is to provide the best design possible respecting the client's requirements and budget constraints. He tirelessly executes this philosophy in his practice that consists of building types varying from private residences, churches, schools, office buildings, police

facilities, university buildings, theatres, tourist facilities, and shopping malls.

Notable projects in Fredericton include the Wu Continuing Education and Conference Centre at the University of New Brunswick, Saint-Anne-Des-Pays-Bas Church, Windsor Townhouses, Griesbach Residence, Smyth Residence, and the Fredericton Police Facility. Further from home are the Charlottetown Hotel and Convention Centre and Sussex Junior High School.

Among their other personal accomplishments, Carl and Carmel raised and educated 6 wonderful children (2 teachers, 2 engineers, a physician and an architect). When Darlene received her Master of Architecture degree in 1995, she and Carl became the first, and remain the only, Father/Daughter team to graduate from the Faculty of Architecture and Planning.

Darlene Smyth (M.Arch.95) carries on the Smyth legacy in Singapore where she runs her own design firm and teaches at the National University of Singapore. In February 2002 Carl was honoured to be invited to the University as guest architecture critique. The firm's e-mail address is <crs@nbnet.nb.ca>.



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