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Shore Tilbe Irwin & Partners receives 2 Wood WORKS! Awards of Excellence for their leadership and innovation in wood design

15 October 2006 - The Canadian Wood Council at their Wood WORKS! Awards Gala has awarded Shore Tilbe Irwin & Partners the 2006 Awards for *Wood Design, Large Institution*, for Angus Glen Community Centre and Library, and the prestigious *Building the Future Award, Architectural Firm*. The Wood WORKS! Awards annually honours excellence in wood-based construction projects and recognizes the people and organizations who are pioneering and preserving the use of wood in Ontario.

Shore Tilbe & Irwin's team, lead by Senior Partner Stephen Irwin, attended the awards gala held at the Design Exchange in Toronto on October 16, 2006, where The Honourable David Ramsay, Minister of Natural Resources (Ontario) presented the keynote address.

Developed in association with Stafford Haensli Architects, the Angus Glen Community Centre and Library is situated on a 12-hectare gently sloping site overlooking the Angus Glen Golf Course in Markham, Ontario. Encompassing a future regional park, twin pad arena, gymnasium, pool, library, and multi-purpose spaces for all ages within the community, the Angus Glen Community Centre and Library is designed in harmony with the strong natural landscape.

The use of wood reinforced the facility's connection to the natural landscape and created a warm and inviting environment for the community. Wood was an important element in underlining the client's and design team's commitment to sustainable design. Principles of sustainable design were applied to the building in both its low-tech practical approaches to siting and materials and in its higher-tech systems and components. In this respect wood was chosen for its inherent qualities as a truly renewable resource.

As a firm, Shore Tilbe Irwin & Partners was honoured with the *Building the Future Award*, which recognizes the decision-making individuals and architectural firms which regularly specify, design or build projects with wood, and demonstrate excellence and innovation in wood design with a consistent history in the use of wood as a structural design choice. Firm Partner, Andrew Frontini, states: "Our designers have a strong passion for wood as a building material and constantly look for opportunities to bring wooden elements in to our work. Our commitment to this material stems from some of our core beliefs and the philosophy behind our designs."



Grimsby Public Library and Art Gallery



Westmount Branch Library



Bruce Peninsula/Fathom Five National Visitor's Centre



Angus Glen Community Centre and Library



