

CCA 2022 TED WALDEN AWARD



A prestigious award recognizing unwavering commitment to the advancement of the construction industry and exceptional leadership in driving positive change.

The Calgary Construction Association was honoured to present Fabrizio Carinelli, President of CANA Construction, with the CCA Ted Walden Award at the 2022 CCA AGM & Banquet Dinner.

The CCA offers their most esteemed

award to exceptional individuals who have demonstrated extraordinary commitment and dedication to making a positive impact in the construction industry and with the CCA.

Carinelli's dedication and passion for the industry has been inspirational, and his leadership has set an example for others to follow. He has played a pivotal role in fostering a sense of community within the in-

dustry, and his efforts have helped to bring people together and create a culture of collaboration and innovation.

"It's very humbling and a tremendous honour given the history of the award and the past recipients, all of whom were pioneers in their own rights and great leaders in the industry," says Carinelli. "To be part of that group is quite an honour."

Carinelli began his career as a project engineer at CANA Construction in 1995, and holds a professional engineer (P.Eng.) designation and Gold Seal Certification in project management. In 2012, he became the President of CANA, where he oversees all construction projects and mentors a team of emerging project directors and construction managers. His devotion to the construction industry is shown in his practical approach to working with his team, his active involvement with the CCA, and his ability to inspire and motivate those around him.

"The CCA has always had a special place in the city in terms of advocating for the industry and promoting engagement," he says. "You get to a point when you don't even hesitate to raise your hand to volun-

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teer for an opportunity that helps benefit the industry and the city. It doesn't really come as work, it comes more from a passion and I think that speaks for everyone working in this industry."

Carinelli believes that being a part of the construction industry in many regards is about having a hand in creating communities. "Everything that we, as a society, use and rely on – hospitals, schools, recreation

centres, sports and cultural facilities – are all part of the fabric of a community. I feel fortunate and blessed that I can help contribute building a better community that is so critical in our city."

Being open and accessible to others whether for a conversation, to answer a question, or to provide a different perspective is an essential part of the construction community. Carinelli recalls entering the

industry as a young engineer and the impact that some of his mentors had on him. "Having a mentor that you can talk to, whether through the work environment or from a volunteer perspective, is invaluable. There is no way I would be in the position am I at today without the mentorship I received or without the support of my family and the CANA organization," he says. "It's important to pay that back to those new to the industry because it's a challenging environment that can be intimidating and stressful at times. Having people that support you is extremely important."

When it came to receiving the award, which was presented to him by CCA President & COO Bill Black, Carinelli says he was taken by surprise.

"I didn't see that one coming, it was pretty special," he says. "There were so many people that I wanted to thank, certainly a lot of people who were important to me, many of whom I have relied on throughout my career. It's a tremendous honour to be recognized. It was a very special evening and I'm very thankful."

The CCA congratulates Carinelli on this well-deserved distinction of Ted Walden Award recipient. We are honored to have him as a leader in the construction industry, and we look forward to seeing the continued impact of his leadership in the years to come.

Ted Walden was a founding member of the original Calgary Builders Exchange in 1944, and he was the first chair of the exchange which later became known as the Calgary Construction Association in the 1960's. The construction industry and the CCA has been built by people such as Ted Walden and they inspire those who will build it in the future. ♦

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