

Richard has practiced Architecture since 1983 and formed Chmiel Architects in 1996. The firm has been recognized as a design leader in the City of Ottawa and has produced a number of notable and award-winning projects and building types. The firm has a keen attention to detail and strives to create a dialog between its architectural projects and the existing context in a complementary and seamless manner. Richard serves as the Principal Architect of Chmiel Architects and oversees and implements the design direction of the firm.

He provides effective leadership and creates and maintains a positive and collaborative tone in working with broader project teams. Adept with both Base Building and Interior Design, with a very clear understanding how one influences the other, with many design deliverables speaking to a harmony between the two elements.

Committed to creating uniquely inspiring and inviting Architectural spaces, and keenly aware of how intangibles such as aesthetics and beauty create positive effects for occupants. He has built a reputation on innovative design, technical expertise, and dynamic leadership.

Richard Chmiel received his Bachelor of Environmental Design from the University of Manitoba in 1976, his Bachelor of Architecture degree (with distinction) from Carleton University in Ottawa, Canada in 1983, and completed design studies at the prestigious Architectural Association School of Architecture in London, England in 1980-81.

PROJECT AWARDS:

TELUS House
100 Murray Street

TOBY Award - Building of the Year Award, 2012
City of Ottawa Urban Design Award
CAGBC - Canada's first Zero Carbon Building Certification for Performance, 2018
City of Nepean Design Award
TOBY Award - Best Building Renovation
City of Nepean Design Award
International Council of Shopping Centers Design Award

JDS Uniphase Global Headquarters
Sun Life Center
JDS Fitel Fibre Optics Headquarters
World Exchange Plaza

ASSOCIATIONS:

Member of the Ontario Association of Architect
Member of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada
Member of the American Institute of Architects

REPRESENTATIVE PROJECT HISTORY:

99 Fifth Avenue Apartment Building
The Slater Condominium & ALT Hotel
Export Development Canada Headquarters
Smart Centers Stantec Office Building

Ottawa, Canada, \$40 Million (Current)
Ottawa, Canada, \$60 Million, 2016
(LEED Gold), Ottawa, Canada, \$115 Million 2008-2012
Ottawa, Canada, \$25 Million, 2010-2013

100 Murray street Office Building	Ottawa, \$13.0 Million, Canada's first net Zero Carbon Building Certification
Telus Regional Headquarters	(LEED Gold), Ottawa, Canada, \$22 Million, 2008
JDS Uniphase Masterplan & Office Development	Ottawa, \$275 Million, 1998-2003
CD Howe Building Masterplan & Building Retrofit	Ottawa, \$150 Million, 2003-2013