

**About the presentation:**

This presentation will focus on the role of architecture in developing sustainable communities, designing buildings in harmony with nature, helping humans to be more in touch with nature, designing buildings around the needs of the people.

**About the Speaker:**

As a master-builder, Douglas Cardinal's life is dedicated to creating beautiful, thriving, and harmoniously built environments.

Born in 1934 in Calgary, Alberta, his architectural studies at The University of British Columbia took him to Austin, Texas, where he achieved his architectural degree and found a life experience in human rights initiatives. Douglas then became a forerunner of philosophies of sustainability, green buildings and ecologically designed community planning. His architecture springs from his observation of Nature and its understanding that everything works seamlessly together.

In recognition of such work, Douglas Cardinal has received many national and international awards including: 17 Honorary Doctorates, Gold Medals of Architecture in Canada and Russia, and an award from United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural organization (UNESCO) for best sustainable village. He was also titled an Officer of the Order of Canada, one of the most prestigious awards given to a Canadian, and the International Association of Architects declared him "World Master of Contemporary Architecture".

Douglas Cardinal is one of the visionaries of a new world; a world where beauty, balance and harmony thrive, where client, architect, and stakeholder build together with a common vision.