

Christopher Hoyt is a bilingual US and Canadian architect that grew up in Alberta and has over 20 years' experience as an architect and urban designer honed in top US and Canadian design firms. He currently leads ch architects, a boutique residential architecture practice in Ottawa while also serving as a discipline manager for architecture at Public Services Procurement Canada. Chris has experience with a broad range of project types. He has been involved with award winning projects at every scale from urban design to single family residential buildings.

## Professional Experience

### Principal – ch architects: 2018 - present

Ottawa Modern bungalow renovation, Ontario. Historically sensitive renovation of a mid century residence in Ottawa, Ontario.

'Think Act Believe' public art piece for Burman University in Alberta Canada. In collaboration with John McDowell, Artist.

Blue House – proposal for a net zero renovation for a circa 1930 heritage home.

Whidbey Island Residence – renovation of a mid-century ranch house on Whidbey Island near Seattle, Washington for a retired university President.

Gunnar Asplund Library Addition, Stockholm Sweden: this 5-person team entry for competition entry proposed to add a significant new addition to Gunnar Asplund's architectural masterpiece.

### Public Services Procurement Canada (PSPC) – discipline manager and national centre of expertise for architecture: 10.2020 – present.

Manger      Leading teams of PSPC building experts in providing advice to large high profile PSPC projects, in support of project managers. Brought more than \$1 M in revenue to Architecture Engineering Services. Projects include the Federal Heritage Building Review Office (FHBRO) Classified West Memorial Building (future home of the Supreme Court of Canada), and other

important heritage buildings such as the FHBRO Classified former CBC Headquarters and FHBRO Recognized 875 Heron Road. Manages a team of (4) direct reports.

**National Capital Commission - senior architect: 09.12 – 09.2020**

- Manager Coordinated federal approval for major construction projects in the heart of Canada’s capital including the Government Conference Centre, National Arts Centre, Chateau Laurier, Ottawa Convention Centre, Rideau Centre, and The Ottawa Hospital. Role involved providing proponents and their architects with advice on urban design, architecture, and coordinating their approaches to federal interests. These interests include design excellence, appropriateness to the capital, coordination with the UNESCO World Heritage Rideau Canal, architectural and cultural heritage issues, universal accessibility, urban design, and public and stakeholder consultation, all within often tight construction and project delivery schedules. Coordination of presentations to the NCC’s Advisory Committee on Planning Design and Realty (ACPDR), the Board of Directors, and other committees.
- Manager Project manager, Capital Illumination Plan. Hired consultants including Alain Guilhot (Lyon, France), Lumipraxis (Ville de Quebec), and MMM Group (Ottawa) to complete the project. Created various committees to help coordinate and review the project. Coordinated and participated in public consultations with the NCC’s communications staff and with the consultant team. Management of the project budget: \$150,000 for consultant work.
- Designer Repositioning of LeBreton Flats, and providing briefings to the CEO, the NCC Board of Directors. Role involved advising the Realty Transactions Team as they created a Terms of Reference for the project and solicited proposals. Evaluated urban design and architecture proposals for LeBreton Flats as part of the Selection Committee. Created of an Urban Design Guideline for the purpose of advising proponents regarding federal interests. Participated in commercially confidential meetings with proponent teams for the purpose of guiding their work, and responding to questions about the project. Work as a subject matter expert on sustainability, evaluating the teams’ proposals

**Carleton University Azreili School of Architecture Visiting Assistant Professor – Fall 2017**

Taught 3rd year Urbanism Studio.

**Kuwabara Payne McKenna Blumberg – architect: 09.11 – 09.12**

Architect Bay Adelaide Centre East Office Tower, Toronto, Ontario: coordination and drafting of building envelope for 102, 529 sq. m (103,610 sq. ft) 46 story office towers in central business district. Schematic Design complete May 2012.

Sr Designer Ottawa Arts Court Foundation and Ottawa Art Gallery Redevelopment, Ottawa, Ontario: Study of 83,361 sq. ft project for a diverse group of arts-oriented tenants on an historic court house site in downtown Ottawa.

**Diamond & Schmitt - architect: 09.09-09.11**

Architect Bridgepoint Health Redevelopment, Toronto, Ontario: coordination of working drawings and construction for public spaces and building envelope for 472-bed hospital project. Public Private Partnership, Design-Build Finance Maintain project. Made presentations to the CEO of Bridgepoint Health, compliance architects, and user groups. Chaired consultant coordination meetings and led both interiors and building envelope teams including both architects and technologists in producing contract documents.

Manager Responsible for soliciting proposals from building envelope consultants. These consultants were asked to provide advice on building envelope details and fabrication for Bridgepoint Health Redevelopment. Hired Brook Van Dalen, and coordinated and supervised their work on behalf of Diamond and Schmitt.

**Shalom Baranes Associates - associate: 02.07-04.15**

Senior designer Halstead Mixed Use Buildings 1 & 3, Merrifield, VA: master planning and project design for 400 units of \$250 M, 900-unit project. 150-key hotel: worked with two major hotel chains for two separate approved s.d. level designs, one of which was LEED certified. Major new destination restaurant & Retail Street, public square. 24 acre below-grade parking garage. Schematic Design complete 09.08.

**Ehrenkrantz Eckstut & Kuhn Architects (now Perkins Eastman) - associate: 11.05-02.07**

Senior designer      New River at Las Ollas, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida: 750-unit condominium mixed-use project. Three towers, retail, cultural facilities located on the New River. Submitted to the City of Fort Lauderdale for approval in July 2006. Submitted the project again to the City in September 2007, revised with a new hotel component, new heights, and new massing.

Senior designer      Town Center at Biscayne Landing, North Miami, Florida: Mixed-use project. The project targeted achieving LEED for Neighborhood Development (LEED ND). Mixed use development included rental & condominium units, hotel, retail, and office. The project was proposed to be located on a Federal brownfield remediation site. Master plan approved by the city of North Miami 09.06.

**Shalom Baranes Associates - architect: 9.01-11.05**

Project designer      Langston Lofts, Washington DC: 67-unit condominium building located over metro tunnels. Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) approvals sought and received. Project was a recipient of a DC AIA 'Excellence' Award, and a *Residential Architect* Magazine 'Merit' award.

**Esherick, Homsey, Dodge & Davis - staff: 06.98-07.01**

designer      Factor 10 House: This project was one of a few winners selected in a three stage national competition for Green Homes for Chicago program. AIA Committee on the Environment 'Top Ten Projects of 2004'. The project was widely published including in; *Architectural Record* and *Dwell Magazine*.

**Education – In Detail**

b. arch      Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan. Bachelor of Architecture: 06.98. 5-year professional program. Minor: French

University of Alberta, in Edmonton, Canada. Undergraduate study in Art and Design

Saleve University, Collonges, France undergraduate French language study – one trimester

## Selected Honours, Awards & Activities

- Award of Merit 2018: New and Emerging Planning Initiatives: Capital Illumination Plan 2017-2027
- Selection Committee: LeBreton Flats. Evaluated proponent's submissions including urban design, architecture, sustainability, and other issues. Created a short list of consortia that advanced to the second stage of competition. 2015.
- Co-Chair NCC Internal Design Review Committee (IDRC):2015. Committee is made up of internal professionals. Purpose is to evaluate both internal and external proponents' projects.
- Member, Ontario Association of Architects, Royal Architectural Institute of Canada, American Institute of Architects
- Visiting Critic: taught graduating m.arch students at Andrews University 03.01
- Editor: [www.see-change.net](http://www.see-change.net) a blog about cities and the built environment. Begun in 2010, it had 12,000 views.
- Co-author: article published in online journal iPolitics.ca; "seeCHANGE: Building a 'Green Canada' brand" 06.11
- Author: article published in the Ontario Association of Architects annual member directory, 2015 titled; "Architect as Agent of Change: Responding to the Challenge".
- Juror: American Institute of Steel Construction, National Student Competition 03.05
- First Prize: 'Place, Time, Symbol' International Ideas Competition. Site adjacent to Canada's Parliament (EHDD Project) 04.00
- Jens Jensen Chicago Prize for Innovative Urban Design: Northerly Island Park Design Competition: 06.97
- Alpha Rho Chi Medal: Academic award 06.98
- Volunteer Assistant Coach: Central Ottawa Ringette Association. Coached U12-U14AA level 9 through 13 year old girl's regional level team 2014 - 2018.