

VANCOUVER IN BRIEF

[Migrating Landscapes](#)

An exhibition of original housing designs that look at the nature of Canadian migration opens this week at the Vancouver Museum. Migrating Landscapes is also a regional part of a nation-side competition for architects 45 and under to explore migration issues through videos as well as their architectural models.

“Homes and dwellings will be designed to fit a wooden landscape created by the Migrating Landscapes organization, and their very structure will offer a unique view into Canada’s past, present, and future,” the exhibition notice says.

The exhibit, which runs from Nov. 3 to 27, is one of seven across the country. Regional winners will move to a final competition at the Winnipeg Art Gallery in the spring.

A jury will pick the team that will be Canada’s entry in the 2012 Venice Biennale in architecture in the summer. For more information: <http://migratinglandscapes.ca/>

[Talking Vancouverism](#)

Mixed-used developments combining office, residential, retail and, in some cases, hotel uses are becoming the “dominant option” in the

Vancouver area, [Avison-Young](#)’s fall commercial real-estate newsletter says. Using examples such as Marine Gateway (see *NRU vol. 1, no. 3, July 4*) and Telus Garden (*NRU vol. 1, no. 12, Sept. 19*), the publication says local developers are moving to higher zoning at “underutilized sites” with mixed-use projects to get the most density on land that is more expensive than in most places in North America. The “Vancouverism” trend seems to have begun with developments featuring townhouses at the base of highrise towers.

“Tracing its roots to renowned Canadian architect **Arthur Erickson** and subsequently expanded upon by Erickson associates such as **Bing Thom** and **James Cheng**, Vancouverism is as much a product of architectural vision as it is of urban planning and the constrained land supply particular to the region,” the newsletter says. “Defined by the New York Times in 2005, Vancouverism is ‘characterized by tall, but widely separated, slender towers interspersed with low-rise buildings, public space, small parks and pedestrian-friendly streetscapes and facades to minimize the impact of a

high-density population.”

The newsletter, which looks at markets across the continent, is at:

www.avisonyoung.com/library/pdf/National_AY_Fall_2011_Canada_US_Commercial_RE_Newsltr_Oct26_11_FINAL.pdf.

[Old buildings and energy](#)

U.S. architect, planner and historian **Barbara Campagna** addresses the topic “sustainability and preservation: the perfect match” and discusses whether old buildings can be as energy-efficient as new ones at a free lecture Thursday at Simon Fraser University’s Harbour Centre. Campagna, former chief architect for the U.S. National Trust’s historic sites, will also talk about improving the performance of older buildings at the event presented by the Vancouver Heritage Foundation.

She also a presenter at a Saturday workshop on improving energy efficiency in older homes, for which there is a registration fee. The lecture is at 7 p.m. To register and for more information on the workshop, go to:

<http://www.vancouverheritagefoundation.org/sustainability.html>

[UBC south campus plan](#)

The University of B.C. is holding another open house on amendments to its south campus neighbourhood, which includes UBC farm (see *NRU vol. 1, no. 2, June 27*).

UBC’s farm, which has been operated by students since the university opened in 1922, has been described as the only working farmland in the city of Vancouver.

UBC’s earlier land-use plan for the south campus called for the farmland to be held in reserve for academic or future housing, but the university now says it will be retained for “sustainability research, teaching and community engagement.”

The south campus plan also includes housing, a commercial centre, a community centre and a new elementary school.

The open house is on Tuesday at MBA House, 3385 Wesbrook Mall, from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. and 7 to 7:30 p.m., with a question session from 6 to 7 p.m.

[ULI networking breakfast](#)

The Urban Land Institute holds its annual networking breakfast Thursday with a presentation by **Jonathan Miller**, author of the publication *Emerging Trends in Real Estate 2012*.