



### **Saskatchewan Science Centre Wins 2018 International Toilet Tourism Award**

**(June 13, 2018) – Regina, SK** – Six toilets have officially been crowned and taken their throne as the best in the world! Among them are the new bathrooms on the second floor of the Saskatchewan Science Centre.

The International Toilet Tourism Awards were created by MyTravelResearch.com and aims to show the close link between innovative, clean toilets with great design, and a successful local tourism economy. The six winning toilets came from around the world with locations in the United States, Australia, Switzerland, and right here in Regina.

The Science Centre washrooms were visually designed by Cite360Studio (now known as 1080 Architecture Planning + Interiors), and based on photographs taken by Regina nature photographer Todd Mintz. The project was funded in part through the Government of Canada's **Canada 150 Infrastructure Program**.

LeeAnn Croft with 1080 Architecture Planning + Interiors, and the lead designer on the project, stated "When the opportunity came up to re-envision the bathrooms for the Saskatchewan Science Centre we wanted the experience to be an extension of the engaging exhibits that define the Science Center as a whole. Immersive, engaging, and educational, the bathrooms respond to the call of nature with, well, the call of nature! The concept of an "outhouse in the woods" was created through the use of floor, wall, and ceiling visuals transporting visitors to the boreal forests of Saskatchewan where the sights and sounds work to create a tranquil experience inspired by nature. We are thrilled that this is one more reason why Regina should be on everyone's international travel list!"

Sandy Baumgartner, CEO of the Saskatchewan Science Centre, explains the thinking behind the design. "Everything that we do at the Science Centre is filtered through the lens of Saskatchewan. The boreal forest is something that deeply connects the people of Saskatchewan. Using that imagery in a bathroom is fun, but also calls attention to the importance of protecting our natural resources. We also wanted visitors to learn more about Saskatchewan while dispelling the myth that the province is entirely flat prairie, while in fact 44% of the province is forested." Baumgartner explained.

One judge remarked "The loo is a fully immersive experience by vision and sound. The toilets inside the Science Centre are like stepping into another world where you can do your business amid the sights and sounds of nature – without having to worry about bears."

See all the winners in the MyTravelResearch.com news release at <http://bit.ly/2l6ZBg8> or see the bathroom in person at the Saskatchewan Science Centre.

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**About The Saskatchewan Science Centre**

The Saskatchewan Science Centre is a non-profit, non-governmental educational facility with the mission of igniting scientific curiosity and innovation in Saskatchewan communities through interactive, dynamic and engaging opportunities. Our vision of the future, in fulfilling that mission, is inspired minds through science and innovation. The Science Centre is one of Saskatchewan's largest family tourist attractions with more than 5 million visitors since its opening in 1989.

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**About 1080 Architecture Planning + Interiors**

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