

2016 WOOD DESIGN AWARDS - WINNER

Multi-Unit Residential Wood Design

Dale Staples, Integra Architecture Inc., Vancouver, BC

The Dominion, New Westminister, BC



“The design of this wood frame building effectively tackles the sloping site and successfully breaks up its six-storey height.”

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The design approach for The Dominion recognizes the significance of Royal Avenue in a form that is respectful of its location. Royal Avenue is one of the few grand boulevards in Greater Vancouver and is historically significant in the City of New Westminister. It was important to create a building that defined the edge of this boulevard and allowed for a more intimate articulation at the street level that would enhance the public realm.

Six-storey wood frame construction was appropriate for the site in terms of building scale, achieving a higher density and maintaining housing affordability. The warmth of wood detailing for exterior balcony, roof and entry elements was integral in creating a contemporary west coast expression in the historical context of New Westminister.