

# SUBMISSIONS | TALL BUILDINGS IN CONTEXT

## Project Title

DIA

## Address

19 Churchill Avenue

## Project Team

Architect: CORE Architects Inc

Landscape Architect:

PD3 Workshop

## Developer/Owner/Client

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Around this contemplative courtyard garden, there are three types of residential formats: townhouses, lofts and a tower.

The consequent form appropriately mixes low-rise, mid-rise and hi-rise masses on one block, creating a microcosm of the ideal mixed community of which it is a part. The distribution of building mass produces a variegated array of forms, a simulacrum of the accretive aggregation of forms that constitute the physical presence of the city itself.

The unapologetically modern architectural stance of this project demonstrates the possibility of sophisticated urban modes of living in a transitional area of metropolitan Toronto.

Dia has been designed to provide distinctive types of public and private spaces. The project is conceived to form an urban courtyard that is both protected by the built form and secured for the enjoyment and use of its residents. At the same time, the courtyard is meant to express collective, community-building aspirations.

Moreover, this project contributes to the momentum for much-needed retrofitting and intensification of transitional inner ring communities. The design of Dia is intended to implant a new mid-density pedestrian oriented urban fabric in a neighbourhood of obsolete houses. The project contributes to the emerging genius loci of this transitional community. By making distinctive architecture, it makes a place.

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