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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Walsh Canada Recognized for Construction Excellence by the Toronto Construction Association**

*General Contractor Wins Two “Best of the Best” Awards at Association’s Annual General Meeting*

**Toronto, Ontario – February 20, 2018** – Walsh Canada is pleased to announce it has won two “Best of the Best” awards at the Toronto Construction Association’s (TCA) Annual General Meeting, held on February 15<sup>th</sup>. Several Walsh Staff were on hand to receive the awards for Project Achievement - Large Projects (over \$50 million), and for Outstanding Safety Culture.

The Project Achievement – Large Project award was presented to Walsh Canada for its recently completed Pioneer Village Station, one of six stations forming part of the Toronto-York Spadina Subway Extension. In addition to successfully building the architecturally astounding structure, which contained many flowing curves, odd angles, high-end finishes and iconic features, the Walsh team was also recognized for overcoming several logistical challenges.

Highlights include building a station structure that not only straddled a major arterial road, which required a temporary four-lane steel bridge, a staged traffic management plan, and major utility relocations, but also straddled two different municipalities (Toronto and York Region), for which additional levels of regulatory coordination were needed to maintain the flow of construction activities. Other challenges overcome by the team include the execution of over 600 design changes, regular resequencing of activities due to external circumstances, and the continuous protection of flocks of geese that called the project site home. Despite the challenging program and circumstances, Walsh delivered the project on-schedule in December 2017.

The Outstanding Safety Culture award was presented to Walsh for demonstrating excellence in building and maintaining a strong safety culture across the entire organization, an award that Walsh previously won for 2014. In addition to its exemplary health and safety record, Walsh’s program is highlighted by active and visible leadership through its Vice President, Craig Lesurf, an extensive employee training program, the regular introduction of new initiatives to keep safety fresh and top of mind for site labour forces, and the receipt of numerous safety awards from other prominent industry organizations in recent years.

Other efforts demonstrating Walsh employee engagement include the participation by staff in promoting industry-wide safety initiatives for various organizations, positive reinforcement to field staff that model safe behaviour, its leading role in the promotion of TCA’s Safety Month and the Ontario General Contractors Association’s Safety Week, and a substantial donation to George Brown College to



fund scholarships for students enrolled in its Centre for Construction and Engineering Technologies, officially named the Walsh Canada Bursary for Safety and Academic Excellence.

“The receipt of these two awards reinforces Walsh Canada’s status as a top builder in the Toronto market, demonstrating that we deliver quality work with a relentless commitment to safety,” said Craig Lesurf, Walsh Canada’s Vice President. “In light of winning these two awards together in the same year, I can say without hesitation that it isn’t a coincidence that the Pioneer Village Station project also had the best safety record out of all six new stations built for the subway line extension, proving that safe projects are successful projects.”

### **About Walsh Canada**

Walsh Canada is part of the Walsh Group, a 120 year-old general contracting, construction management and design-build company providing services in a vast array of building and heavy civil infrastructure across North America. Walsh currently serves the institutional, commercial, industrial, wastewater treatment, and transportation sectors in Canada where they have amassed a portfolio that includes 11 projects, highlighted by the \$280 million Women’s College Hospital Capital Redevelopment, \$220 million TTC Pioneer Village Subway Station, \$150 million Ashbridges Bay Treatment Plant P Building and Odour Control Upgrades, \$170 million Etobicoke General Hospital Phase 1 Patient Tower, and Enterprise Data Centre Borden 5MW Expansion (construction cost confidential).

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