

City Hall News: Meet Our New Home

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New City Hall Building Nearly Ready

Hello Cambridge! Meet our new civic headquarters!

As you might know, the New City Hall Administration Building is already taking shape. In fact, the new building is nearly complete.

Excitement is building as the new face on our downtown landscape takes its place next to the historic City Hall, Farmers Market Fire Hall Museum & Education Centre, Centre for the Arts and David Durward Senior Centre.

The state-of-the-art facility combines the latest in sustainable design with an eye to the city's heritage.

You could say it's a project that looks to the future while keeping the past in focus.

This newsletter will keep you up to date on the progress of the project.

In this issue, you will read about the innovative green features of the building that will make it a leader.

Other Canadian cities and communities around the world will look to Cambridge for inspiration.

Future issues of this newsletter will examine the project's role in heritage promotion.

We will also look at how the new building will create excitement and activity in the downtown core.



The New City Hall Administration Building

We hope you enjoy the newsletter. Our goal is to keep you informed.

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Cambridge Goes For Gold in Sustainable Design

It's not easy being green. However, the City of Cambridge is about to become green and gold at the same time.

The city's new City Hall Administration Building will be a one-of-a-kind environmental

marvel. The building will position Cambridge as an environmentally friendly and sustainable community.

It will also leave other Canadian cities "green" with envy. The New City Hall Administration Building is aiming to

become the first city hall in Canada to earn Gold LEED status.

LEED, or Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, is a nationally recognized roadmap for environmental sustainability estab-

Cambridge Shows Leadership

lished by the U.S. Green Building Council.

“I think it shows that Cambridge is a forward-thinking community,” says Stephen Carpenter, a sustainability consultant.

The new building will have numerous cutting-edge environmental features. The most visible will be the four-storey “living wall.”

This wall of vines and plants will act as a natural air purifier, cleaning and re-circulating air throughout the building.

“Last year, we had to send people home because the air was awful,” says Slobodanka Lekic of the city’s Community Services Department.

“We are sure now that we will cut down on absent time, sickness and improve people’s health.”

Workplace quality issues and increased productivity aren’t the only benefits of the new building.

The new administration headquarters will also save the city money.

Part of the roof will be made up of plants, grass and shrubs. This “green roof” will retain heat in the winter and cool things off in the summer, cutting down on the need for heating and air conditioning.



Interior Showing Four-Storey Living Wall

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City Employees: Leave the Car At Home

All rainwater that falls on the building will be collected in a massive, 10, 000 litre tank. This water will be used to flush toilets throughout the building.

Energy-efficient lighting is being installed , again using less electricity and saving money. Motion sensors will turn off the lights at night, when the build-

ing isn’t being used. Solera panels are being used for windows in the building. These are designed to allow light to flow through, but not heat.

Recyclable materials will be used as often as possible, while materials will be supplied by local companies.

The new building will also encourage employees leave their cars at home.

Bicycle storage and change rooms will be available for riders.

Employees who car-pool will have special spots in the parking lot.



Space for People and Indoor Events

Other Cities “Green” With Envy

The new building’s construction process is also being undertaken with an eye to the environment.

All materials from construction site will be sorted and recycled.

Dust has been limited and all fill is being cleaned up and reused.

Even previous buildings that have been taken down are

contributing to the environmental process.

“Seventy-five percent of the previous buildings destroyed have been recycled,” says Lekic. “Almost nothing is being wasted.”

All the environmental initiatives, and others, are being fully documented for LEED certification.

It is hoped that Cambridge residents will get behind the new building and be proud that they are leading the way on sustainable design.

Other cities will certainly be envious of the city’s environmental leadership.

“It really does have a ripple effect,” says Carpenter. “Other communities will follow suit.”

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