

Award of Excellence

OVERALL DESIGN and ADAPTIVE REUSE

McMaster Innovation Park

175 Longwood Road, Hamilton

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Project Description:

This project is a redevelopment of a former industrial site, which housed the large Canadian manufacturing companies of Westinghouse, and later Camco, into a Research Park. Most of the original plant was demolished in preparation for the new McMaster Innovation Park. All that remains is the original red brick building which has been preserved and enhanced by the design to maintain the character and charm of the industrial heritage. This building will sit within a campus of high tech research and innovation centres that will employ thousands in the pursuit of leading edge fields of research. The campus will be built with state-of-the-art buildings, environmental controls, landscape features, and is designed to be a walkable and transit friendly sustainable campus. This building is just the start of a large and high value project that will dress the City for the twenty first century.

Jury Comments:

Canada's legacy of industrial architecture is fast disappearing. It is often forgotten that so many came to this country because of industry so it is exciting to see that this resource being adaptively reused. The sensitively enhanced building exterior, new windows, a rooftop loggia and the many interior retrofits has allowed accommodation of offices and conference facilities that enable the building to continue to function as an employment use. The use of sustainable elements to improve the building's efficiency is an important part of the project and the most impressive element is the reuse of the existing building, for employment, since every brick kept or saved is a green brick.

