

Alderlea Heritage Estate and New Addition

City of Brampton / Taylor Hazell Architects
40 Elizabeth Street South, Brampton, Ontario

Heritage Restoration - B.1.1



Alderlea is a lively 1860's Italianate villa and designated property located on an exceptional terraced landscape overlooking Gage Park in Brampton. Following 60 years of use as a legion hall, the property was purchased by the City for redevelopment as a key public site related to the renewal of their historic core.

In 2009, Taylor Hazell Architects were retained to restore and adapt the property to so that it could serve as a conference and wedding reception venue. The design approach conserves and adapts the historic building to serve as office and meeting rooms on the second floor. Heritage rooms on the first floor, and their remaining fine interior decorative detail and spatial qualities, have been conserved and restored. A new 3,600 square foot addition has been created for use as a conference and banquet facility on the ground floor.

The banquet hall is an innovative contemporary design in the form of a grand hall that opens up onto a new south lawn. The design exceeds LEED silver standards and features geothermal heating and cooling, triple glazing, radiant heat floor, natural ventilation, and a 100% permeable landscape. Limestone, clay brick, ornamental plaster and white oak are used extensively in both the addition and the heritage building.



Outside, the landscape is designed to enhance the estate qualities associated with the property, while emphasizing its importance as a cultural heritage landscape. It integrates the programmatic role of the site as a private venue, with options for tents and occasions of a public nature as they use and enjoy the site as an integrated part of Gage Park.