

Hurontario & Steeles

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1 Steeles Avenue East, Brampton, Ontario

New Building, Commercial/Mixed use - A.3.4



Located at the corner of Steeles Avenue and Hurontario this new commercial building fills in an empty corner once occupied by a Shell gas bar. The intent of the design concept was to bring the existing commercial plaza closer to the intersection of Steeles and Hurontario and to create a strong visual focus to anchor the end of the commercial development at the intersection. It is to be the first phase of the plaza rejuvenation and sets the design theme.

The design uses a two storey scale and a bold contemporary design to establish itself as a landmark and point of interest to the current intersection. The building "looks-out" into the intersection and provides human activity at the corner. In this way it invigorates and extends the life and vitality of the intersection.

The new corner building is set forward closer to both Steeles and Hurontario than the other adjacent buildings in the plaza. The new corner building will therefore be visible both along Hurontario and Steeles as one approaches the intersection from any direction. This increased visibility has been achieved by neither providing a driveway nor parking across the front of the building. Instead, circulation will be between the new building and the existing Hurontario stores to allow a fundamental flow of traffic on the site and handicapped parking adjacent the building.

The access from Hurontario near the intersection has been replaced with additional landscaping. The other existing access on Steeles was moved further back from the corner in order to enhance site circulation. A three metre landscape setback was maintained and increased in depth with hard and soft landscaping. Concrete planters were used to create an outdoor patio intended as related tenant outdoor space that is visible yet separated from the intersection.