



# Sir John A. Macdonald Building

*Transforming an important heritage building*

The Sir John A. Macdonald Building in Ottawa, originally built in 1932 as the Bank of Montreal, is considered one of Canada's foremost heritage structures. It was given a second lease on life in 2015 when it was transformed into a new conference and meeting facility for Canada's House of Commons.

The design team restored the building's art deco façade and ornamented interior, transforming the former grand banking hall into a new ceremonial space for events of state. At the same time, the team modernized all infrastructure systems for optimum energy efficiency, safety, security and new seismic standards. A contemporary addition supports the conference facility while also filling a gap in this important streetscape across from Parliament Hill. The Sir John A. Macdonald Building achieves a perfect balance of historic context and contemporary functionality, and supports the long-term revitalization of Canada's iconic Parliamentary Precinct.

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<b>CLIENT</b>	Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC)
<b>PORTFOLIO</b>	Public Buildings
<b>SIZE</b>	57,726 SF (5,363 SM)
<b>LOCATION</b>	Ottawa, ON, Canada
<b>DATE</b>	June 2015
<b>SERVICES</b>	Architecture MEP Engineering Interior Design

#### AWARDS

- 2018 World Architecture Community WA Awards 10+5+X (27th Cycle), Realized Project Award
  - 2018 World Architecture Community WA Awards 10+5+X (27th Cycle), Community Selected Award
  - 2017 Canada Green Building Council/SABMag – Award of Excellence for Existing Building Upgrade
  - 2017 City of Ottawa, Architectural Conservation Awards – Award of Excellence, Adaptive Re-Use
  - 2016 Green Globes Building Performance Assessment – Awarded Five Globes Rating
  - 2016 Canadian Association of Heritage Professional Award of Excellence, Conservation Architecture
  - 2015 National Trust for Canada Cornerstone Awards for Building Heritage Adaptive Reuse/ Rehabilitation
  - 2015 City of Ottawa, Award of Excellence: Urban Infill Low Rise
  - 2015 Real Property Institute of Canada Award of Excellence in Heritage Conservation, Federal Heritage Bldgs
  - 2014 Canadian Association of Heritage Professionals, Award of Excellence, Heritage Planning - Adaptive Reuse
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# Public Buildings

Public sector decision-makers look to NORR's experienced team to help navigate the full project cycle from planning to design to execution. Our extensive work in public buildings ranges from government campuses and embassies to cultural buildings and museums.

## Valued Partner at All Levels of Government

NORR is a valued partner at all levels of government - federal, state, provincial, county and municipal. Our proven track record in large-scale, heritage conservation, adaptive reuse and renovation projects spans more than forty years. We uphold internal governance practices, employ proven program and project management methodologies and use value-based design from concept to implementation. We have worked on highly secure projects involving confidential documentation and when required, have engaged advisory boards or peer reviews. Every project has a specific strategy based on requirements and vision.

## Managing Complexity

Public building design is a Center of Excellence at NORR. Our designated team of architects, engineers, planners and designers have deep knowledge in managing the complexity of purpose-driven design. From current circulation and constraints of an existing spatial environment, to detailed project phasing and staging, to the design of new structures and implementing workplace strategies, our programs will provide the right solution. Our role is to engage our clients and stakeholders to realize the project vision. The result: a design that makes a positive social impact on the communities served.

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