

Award of Excellence

ADAPTIVE REUSE

Stonechurch Family Health Centre

1475 Upper Ottawa Street, Hamilton

McMaster University Faculty of Health Sciences
TCA/Their Curran Architects
PMA Landscape Architects
Kenneth Youngs Engineering
S.P Design
COPA Engineering
Wintek BSD Incorporated
TRP Construction General Contractors
STF Construction



Project Description:

This design transformed a former insurance company vehicle inspection and claims centre into a community health clinic. The design team used new landscaping areas reclaimed from the parking area, new windows and sustainable design features to create a peaceful and welcoming environment that provides a sense of wellness in the context of suburban strip mall development.

Jury Comments:

The project demonstrates an ambitious landscape design that allows the interior spaces of the building to extend into a new surrounding landscape bringing natural light and nature into the building. It provides an example of how to humanize the typically banal and sterile environment that is found in many automobile oriented commercial developments.



In spite of its institutional use and commercial surroundings the interior successfully creates a domestic feel.

The design employs techniques of sustainable design such as lighting controls, instantaneous water heating, use of low toxicity finishes and the directing of roof storm water runoff into decorative ponds on site.

Although the landscaping directly adjacent to the building is well done the jury encourages the owner to complete the design concept by expanding the landscaping further into the public realm landscaping the edges of the site.

