

Humber College Longo Centre for Entrepreneurship:

Reimagining the heart of a campus



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Architecture, history, innovation, and learning connect at the Humber Campus to reinvigorate a historic campus.

Melding the Old with the New

The Longo Centre for Entrepreneurship (CfE) is the last of the historic cottages to be restored on this distinctive lakeshore campus. Moriyama Teshima Architects worked in collaboration with Humber College to transform and expand the heritage Administration Building into a vibrant hub that provides space for staff and students to interact with each other and the community at large. The central element of this project is the glass and zinc clad addition that connects to the existing heritage building all the while keeping the original architecture completely intact. The result: an

elegant, almost playful harmony between old and new and a reimagined heart of the Humber Campus.

Maximizing Function

Inside the addition, the column free space is airy and bright and provides unobstructed views to the quadrangle outside, which reinforces the feeling of connection and community for those who use the space. It also serves as much needed space for large gatherings like convocations. Unique glazing details on the glass exterior add a subtle layer of texture and visual effect. Students and staff use the space to connect, lounge, chat with friends, and conduct presentations with partners and collaborators from the community at large. It also serves as an event space at night. The existing four-storey building was also renovated to create a range of formal and informal spaces. Drawing on the architecture

of the original building, cozy nooks with lounge seating and collaborative areas with meeting tables are carved out. Natural light is optimized and heritage features were restored to showcase the building's history.

"Furniture makes or breaks the space," explains Phil Silverstein, Principal & Contract Administrator at Moriyama & Teshima Architects. "It helps shape and delineate spaces, while helping connect people to the building." The color choices for the furniture complements the natural colors of the brick and wood that surrounds it. Timeless and adaptable, the furniture adds a layer of comfort and welcome to a space that so distinctly defines the brand of the new Humber campus.

FEATURED PRODUCTS

Citi Square seating, Duet seating, Popcorn seating

ARCHITECT

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