

mohawk college:

Providing opportunities through innovation



The Joyce Centre for Partnership & Innovation at Mohawk College is the largest institutional net-zero building in Canada. Through student labs, interactive technology and adaptable spaces, students are offered experiential learning opportunities in spaces that can adapt and respond to the pace of change.

Mohawk College offers programs that provide students with the opportunity to experience hands-on learning and develop practical skills specifically geared to prepare them for a future in the workforce. Located in Hamilton, Ontario, Mohawk's most recent innovation is the completion of The Joyce Centre for Partnership & Innovation, the largest institutional net-zero building in Canada: a structure that gives back to the environment more than it takes.

Architect, Kevin Van Hartingsveldt, mcCallumSather, explains, "The Joyce Centre's mission is environmental sustainability. More and more institutions, municipalities, and organizations are starting to realize that producing more energy than they use within their buildings is possible." Tony Cupido, Research Chair, Sustainability at Mohawk continues, "We wanted to ensure this building receives the highest level of sustainability that is yet to be achieved, and demonstrate that this is what the future of sustainability looks like."

When it came to deciding how to furnish the Centre, Mohawk College needed a partner that could deliver product aligned with their sustainability mission. Global's high standards for quality, sustainable materials including chemical free fabrics, and recycling programs made them the ideal partner for this project.





“Building flexibility and modularity is a key focus for us.”

Jeff McIsaac,
Dean of Applied Research

Another requirement for the furniture was to support the adaptability of The Joyce Centre by fostering collaboration among students, while providing areas of solitude for quiet study or personal time. Kevin expands, “The furniture allows us to create different zones of collaboration in meeting rooms, common areas and even hallways – where connections can happen as a result of accidental collisions.”

Preparing the next generation of big-picture thinkers for the rapidly evolving future was the goal of this project. Kathy Hicks, Coordinator, Library & Digital Skills Services concludes, “Together with partners like Global, we have added the perfect place for students to grow to their full potential.”

PRODUCTS USED

A range of task seating, soft seating and tables for classroom and common areas



