

South Wing

construction backgrounder

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Overview

In early 2000, the Ontario government announced a \$28.75-million SuperBuild grant for Durham College, to help it expand and renovate its Whitby and Oshawa campuses. The SuperBuild grant recognized Durham's status as one of Ontario's fastest-growing

Quick facts:

Architects: Adamson

Associates of Mississauga and
Mills & Associates of Oshawa

Campus master planners:

The Planning Partnership

Landscape architects: MBTW
Group

Construction firm: EllisDon

Construction cost: \$26 million

Completion (all phases):
fall 2002

colleges, and helped the college carry out one of the most significant expansions in its 35-year history. It also helped the college create a total of nearly 3,500 additional student spaces at its two largest campuses, to accommodate rising enrolments as well as double-cohort students who begin their postsecondary studies in September 2003.

The overall cost of the project was \$50.5 million, with Durham College and its key corporate partners (General Motors of Canada Ltd., IBM Canada Ltd., Bell Canada Ltd. and Nortel Networks) contributing the remaining amount.

Whitby project

Completed in January 2001, the \$5-million enlargement and renovation of the college's Skills Training Centre—also

known as the Whitby campus—created another 500 student spaces. The Whitby campus now features a 50-seat learning commons, new classrooms equipped for computer-based presentations, a plumbing mezzanine, more faculty offices and a new student lounge.

Oshawa project

The \$45.5-million expansion of the Oshawa campus was completed in fall 2002. It consists of three buildings: the 23,500-square-foot Centre for Integrated Justice Studies (finished in January 2002), the 10,000-square-foot Integrated Manufacturing Centre (completed in September 2002), and the 96,000-square-foot South Wing (completed in November 2002). This major expansion is enabling Durham College to serve another 2,934 students. South Wing facilities will also be available to students at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology, which opens at the Oshawa campus in September 2003.

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From the exterior, two design elements that immediately attract attention are the sweeping, two-storey glass façade and the Information Tower, which contains a carillon and acts as a focal point for the campus. Key features of the South Wing include:

- a spacious learning commons with 154 desktop computers and additional space for students to use their college/university laptops;
- 11 classrooms, each fully networked and equipped with presentation equipment;
- a state-of-the-art health lab;
- offices for the Innovation Centre and the Student Support Centre;
- administrative offices;
- Williams Coffee Pub; and
- high-efficiency glass and superior heating and cooling systems, which further reduce energy consumption.

Energy Award

At the grand opening of the South Wing on November 28, 2002, a representative from the federal government's Commercial Buildings Incentive Program presented a plaque to Durham College, acknowledging the energy-efficient design of the South Wing. As well, the Centre for Integrated Justice Studies and the Integrated Manufacturing Centre at the Oshawa campus, and the new facilities at the Whitby campus, will be recognized for their energy efficiency at a later date.