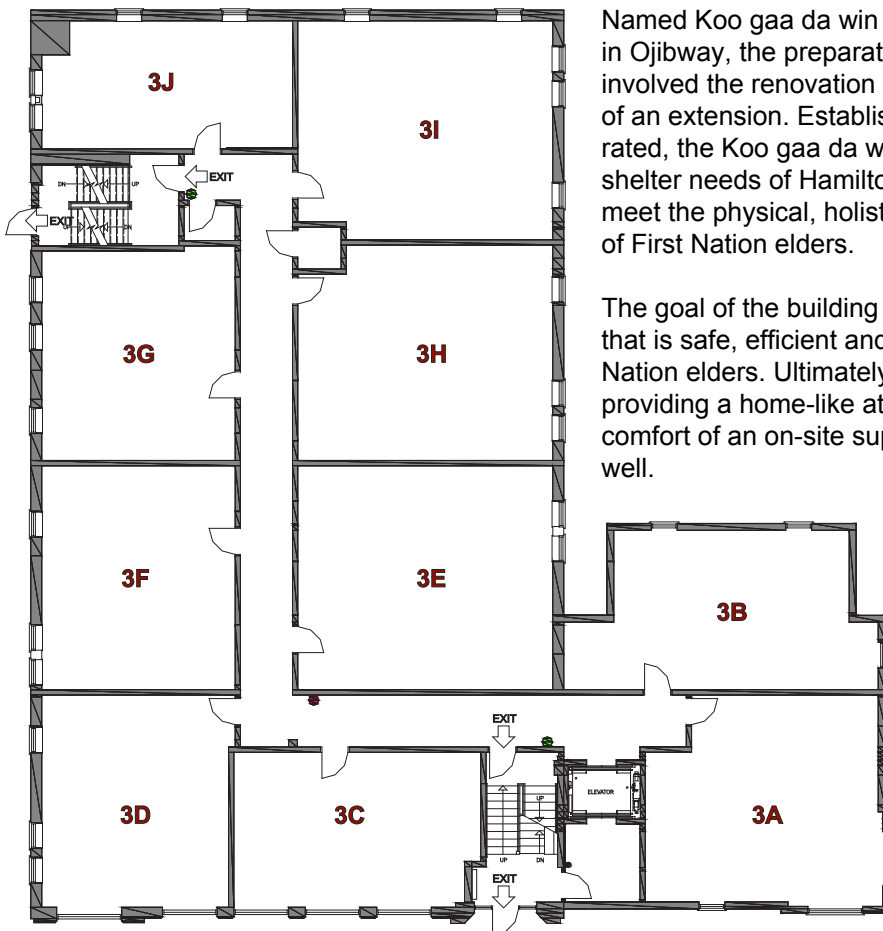


Urban Native Homes - 42 Mary Street Housing Complex



Floor Plan of Ground Level Only

Named Koo gaa da win Manitou, meaning “sheltering the spirit” in Ojibway, the preparation of this 3 storey, 24-unit facility involved the renovation of a vacant building and the construction of an extension. Established by Urban Native Homes Incorporated, the Koo gaa da win Manitou complex addresses the shelter needs of Hamilton’s First Nation community by helping to meet the physical, holistic, mental, spiritual and emotional needs of First Nation elders.

The goal of the building design was to provide a quality facility that is safe, efficient and conducive to the life-style of the First Nation elders. Ultimately, the building strives for the balance of providing a home-like atmosphere with the convenience and comfort of an on-site superintendant to address their needs as well.

Client: Urban Native Homes
Hamilton, Ontario
Size: 24,000 ft²
Architect: Two Row Architect
Status: Opened 2007