

Wilfrid Laurier University - SC Johnson Building

This facility involved the conversion of a vintage, three-storey, former CIBC bank into a University lecture hall and office facility in the heart of downtown Brantford, Ontario. Design and construction challenges included slicing through 3 ft. thick concrete and steel plate walls to create openings into bank vaults and introducing mezzanine levels within expansive overhead spaces while achieving proper ceiling heights. The most significant challenge however involved locating an elevator and a series of ramps so that the entire facility could be handicap accessible. Outstanding features include a 131 person multi-media lecture theatre, executive office suites, fire stairwells, and IT rooms. Numerous existing interior appointments such as the ornate chamfered ceiling and fireplace in the main hall were successfully retained in the renovation design. The building was re-roofed and the exterior granite and limestone facade of the building was re-furbished to unify the look of each of the four vintages.



"I cannot believe I am standing in the same building...it's amazing to see",
 - Bill Januszkiewicz, Wilfrid Laurier University Project Co-coordinator.

Client: Wilfrid Laurier University
 Size: ft²
 Cost: Est. \$3.5 M Renovation Cost
 Architect: Two Row Architect
 Completion: 2010
 Builder: Vicano Construction Limited

