

The Other Pillars: Social & Economic Sustainability

Rehabilitation Projects and Local Labour Creation

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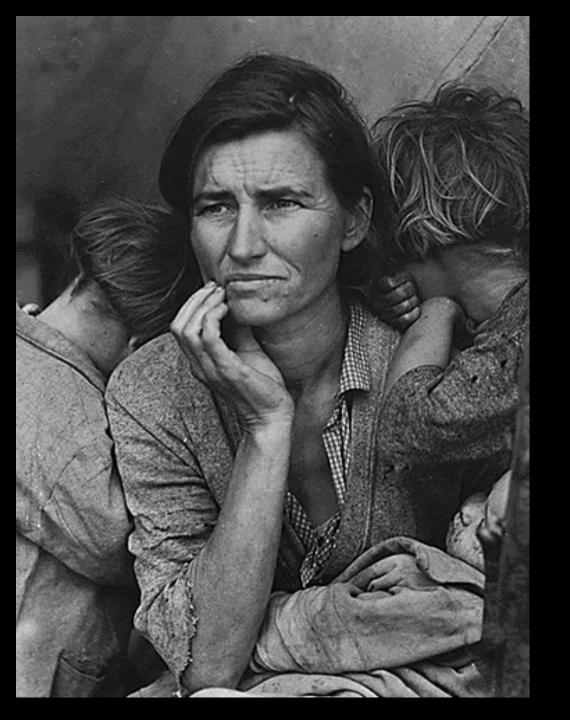


Take a look at any street in Ontario.



It is no longer news that rehabilitation work is more labour-than-material intensive, and benefits local economies. 2





A survey of our building projects shows that rehabilitation work involves at least

60% -70% local labor compared with less than 40% for new buildings.





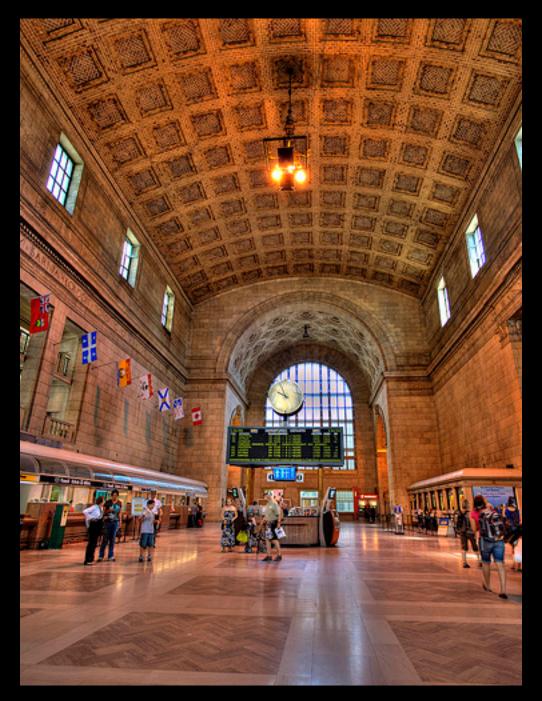




Queens Park









Buenos Aires - Post Office Palace Opera House



Toronto Power Generating StationNiagara Falls

Heritage Development

What's so great about that?



Heritage Development

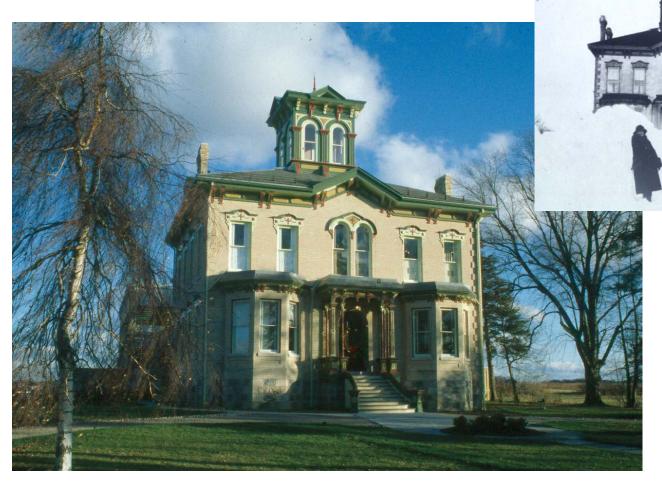
= CommunitySustainability





Castle Kilbride was built in 1882 by Livingston, a linseed oil manufacturer. Its style is Italianate revival. The building is also very influenced by Venetian motives and crafts. It is interesting to note that this Scotsman imported not only materials, but actual labor from Venice for the woodwork, masonry and paintings.





The original building was purchased by the Township for the purposes of municipal offices. It was only 6,000 sq.ft. in size and the program for the new offices was in excess of 30,000 sq.ft.

This presented a special problem of not only having to preserve the fabric of the building, but also having to preserve the ensemble of exterior space and feel of the setting.



Heritage Development Cost Benefits

Buildings are re-used.

Cost & energy savings due to:

- little or no demolition
- reduced waste to landfill
- minimal new materials





The existing wood work was beyond repair. To solve this challenge it was:

- Surveyed
- Photographed
- Documented
- Dissembled
- Catalogued
- Assessed
- Recreated

The existing porches were dismantled. Paint was removed from the masonry after it was established that the original brick was not painted until the 1930's.

Samples of paint were removed and sent to a lab for testing to determine the type of cleaning agent that was to be used.

We found that the mortar joints were triple raked which is very labor intensive and rare. Their condition was pristine in large part.







Finished product incorporating:

- proper ventilation and foundation
- approximately 15% of original material was used .



Heritage Development Cost Benefits

2Local labour hours increase.

Community investment due to:

- local job creation
- specialized skill development
- continued conservation work & maintenance of building



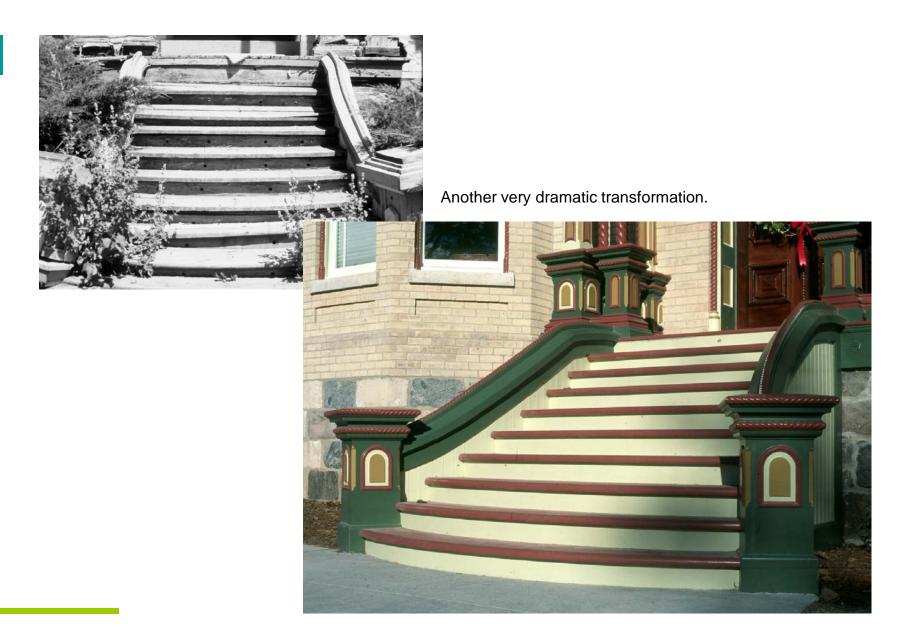


Another example of deterioration beyond rational repair...



...and the finished product.





Heritage Development Cost Benefits

"Historic buildings may be the latest area to get the television makeover treatment, but it will take more than glossy production values to hide a worrying statistic.



Heritage Development Cost Benefits

...today there are fewer than 40,000 craftspeople with the necessary specialist skills to maintain Britain's historic environment, which includes more than 430,000 listed buildings."₃









Heritage Development Cost Benefits

3 Stock of heritage buildings is increasing.

Modern buildings ultimately become heritage resources











Belvedere, which seems to be a typical feature in the finger lake area, was used to inspect farm hand productivity.



Removing of old cupola

This is an innovative technique first used in 1972 by our firm. The cost was reduced from \$ 72.000 to \$ 9.000.!!

12 foot ladders whereused instead of scaffolding









Eight main rooms in the house were lined with a lime based plaster with trompe l'oeil paintings. The plaster was painted when wet (fresco technique) by applying water to it to maintain its humidity level in order to complete the paintings.

- winter
- not constant temperature
- moisture

Complete plaster conservation required:

- Liquid plaster bonding agent
- Screws
- Re-adhesion

Furnishing were also re-assembled and restored.





Re-adhesion of paint surface was required. This was done like a jig-saw puzzle – one chip at a time.



Pigment recover.



Beautiful results.







House was to be used for museum instead of offices. Some meeting rooms were incorporated while the basement became used for archives.







After











Capital Investment

By integrating the ratio with project numbers, it's possible to measure the labour hours that building rehabilitation provides.















St. Thomas City Hall

COST ANALYSIS

Building Budget:

\$6,400,000.00

C.F.I.P. Grant

\$ 750,000.00

12% Provincial Investment



1. Reconstruction Work

Labour = 90%

Material= 10%

Total Man-Hours Generated: 23,739 hours



2. Structural Steel Reinforcing

Labour = 65%

Material= 35%

Total Man-Hours Generated: 1,688 hours



3. Structural Concrete

Labour = 68%

Material= 32%

Total Man-Hours Generated: 7,276 hours



4. Roof Restoration

Labour = 66%

Material= 34%

Total Man-Hours Generated: 11,000 hours



5. Window Restoration

Labour = 90%

Material= 10%

Total Man-Hours Generated: 7,725 hours



6. Masonry Restoration

Labour = 87%

Material= 13%

Total Man-Hours Generated: 13,000 hours



7. Millwork

Labour = 65%

Materials = 35%

Total Man-Hours Generated: 5,900 hours



Grand Total Labor Hours Generated: 70,328 hours* All figures submitted by sub-trades and the general contractor.

Provincial Investment \$750,000

Labor Yield

10.66 hours/\$1 invested



48 taxes not yet created in 1867

Airline surcharge tax

Airline Fuel Tax

Airport Maintenance Tax

Building Permit Tax

Cigarette Tax

Corporate Income Tax

Death Tax

Dog License Tax

Driving Permit Tax

Enviromental Tax (Fee)

Excise Taxes

Federal Income Tax

Federal Unemployment (UI)

Fishing License Tax
Food License Tax

Gasoline Tax (too much per litre)

Gross Receipts Tax

Health Tax

Hunting License Tax

Hydro Tax

Inheritance Tax

Interest Tax

Liquor Tax

Luxury Taxes

Medicare Tax

Mortgage Tax

Personal Income Tax

Property Tax

Poverty Tax

Prescription Drug Tax Provincial Income Tax

Real Estate Tax

Recreational Vehicle Tax

Retail Sales Tax

Service Charge Tax

School Tax

Telephone Federal Tax

Telephone Federal, Provincial and Local

Surcharge Taxes

Telephone Minimum Usage Surcharge Tax

Vehicle License Registration Tax

Vehicle Sales Tax

Water Tax

Watercraft Registration Tax

Well Permit Tax

Workers Compensation Tax

Marriage License Tax