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Canada Green Building Council - Non-Profit Organization CaGBC

Vancouver, CANADA

Haworth's Adaptable Spaces strategy lets organization showcase "green" practices in spaces on opposite sides of the country.

Story

Design firms Penner & Associates Interior Design Inc (Vancouver, British-Columbia) and iNKling Studios (Ottawa, Ontario) were asked to create new office spaces for the Canada Green Building Council (CaGBC), the leading national industry organization advancing green building practices.

CaGBC has experienced exponential growth and reaches more than 500,000 public and private sector professionals across the country. This meant expanding both staff and space in its Ottawa and Vancouver locations.

The firms collaborated with Haworth and proposed Compose, LifeSPACE, X Series, and Zody, certified by the GREENGUARD Environmental Institute (GEI), to furnish both spaces -- a perfect fit with CaGBC's intent to use its offices to showcase "green" tenant improvement. It was also an ideal opportunity for Haworth to demonstrate its expanding portfolio of green and sustainable products and employ its "Adaptable Spaces" strategy to incorporate a similar look into both spaces while maintaining the individual feel of each.

In Vancouver, the team created a light-filled office with a modern aesthetic to complement the heritage character of the building. The clean, contemporary appeal of the Haworth products is nicely balanced with the shell's exposed brick, solid Douglas fir millwork, steel, glass mosaic backsplash tile, hemp fiber countertop, and grasses laminated into clear resin.

"A broad range of environmental design strategies are employed, says Shelley Penner of Penner & Associates Interior Design, including natural materials from rapidly renewable sources such as strawboard core for the furniture, a countertop made with hemp fiber, pure wool upholstery fabric, and bio-based PLA fiber in the carpet tile. The cherry veneer on the furniture and the fir millwork are Forest Stewardship Council-Certified. The carpet tile, strawboard, glass mosaic backsplash tile, systems furniture, seating, steel and gypsum board all have recycled content. Strategies to optimize indoor air quality include the use of low-VOC adhesives and sealants; paints and finishes; composite wood and laminate adhesives with no added urea-formaldehyde; and, PVC-free blinds. The layout affords complete access to daylight and seated views. Among the LEED-CI credits targeted, the difficult-to-achieve Materials & Resources Credit 6 Rapidly Renewable Materials and Credit 7 Certified Wood were attempted."

"The offices inspire and remind us of the purpose of our work and the market transformation goals of the Council," says Thomas Mueller, CaGBC president. "Space can deliver a strong message and influence how we think. This is a critical component in communicating green building to people visiting our offices and demonstrating that practical and well-designed solutions are within reach."

Additional information is available by accessing the Ottawa CaGBC spotLite. To learn more about our expanding portfolio of "green" products and how they can help you design and create more responsible spaces, visit haworth.com and select "Sustainability" next to the red "Navigate Haworth" banner.



PERFORMANCE NEEDS

- Human Performance - Inspiration/Stimulation, Vistas/View-Daylight, Naturalness and Acoustics; Meaning, Image; Insulation/Ergonomics, Density, Privacy; Interaction, Collaboration/Degree of Enclosure
- Organizational Performance - Ideological, Growth; Organizational Culture, Image
- Facility Performance - Cost of Ownership, Moves, Adds, Changes; Space Utilization, Occupancy Rates, Acoustics
- Sustainability

APPLICATION

- Open Office - Professional
- Private Office - Executive
- Conference Room

SCOPE

- Vancouver -
- 4 workstations, one private office, one conference room
- Square footage - 900 square feet
- Amount of employees - 5

PRODUCTS

- Vancouver -
- Compose® System
- Zody™ Task and Look® Seating
- X Series® Storage
- LifeSPACE® Walls

COMPLETED

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CREDITS

- Dealer -Brooks Corning, Vancouver, British Columbia
- Design Firm - Penner & Associates Interior Design Inc (Vancouver) and iNKling Studios (Ottawa)
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