



RALPH THORNTON COMMUNITY CENTRE AND LIBRARY: TORONTO, ONTARIO



Firm's Role

Sustainable Building Retrofit

Description

Sustainable EDGE Ltd. was contracted to undertake a recent completed feasibility study and implementation plan for a comprehensive sustainable retrofit of the Ralph Thornton Centre in the south east of Toronto's downtown core. Recently transferred from Federal ownership to the City of Toronto the plan for conversion of this early twentieth century post office building to a state-of-the-art green building needed addressing many challenges.

Included in Study

- A survey of Ralph Thornton Centre staff and volunteers to acquire their ideas and input
- An audit of current building conditions and energy and water usage
- Identification of strategies and products for use
- Cost/savings assessment
- Design of renovations and retrofit measures
- Application to the Commercial Buildings Incentive Program and identification of other funding options
- The preparation of an implementation and financing plan

Architect: Natale + Scott Architects

Owner: Ralph Thornton Centre