



CORE PUBLIC OFFERINGS

- Opening Spring 2010 -

Welcome Centre

At the north end of Building 15, the year-round winterized Welcome Centre will be the hub and orientation point for visitors to Evergreen Brick Works. Here people will orient themselves to the site, find out the day's happenings and choose which part of the site to experience first. Tours will leave from here and the Centre will include exhibition space, heritage information as well as industrial artifacts including the John Price Press and Foreman's Shed.

Welcome Court

Evergreen is replacing the old cement with native trees, shrubs, wildflowers, food and wetlands gardens. Welcome Court will be the main point of arrival, signalling a welcoming place for children. The shade and seating will make it a comfortable place for visitors to meet and relax. Key interpretive features will be installed that speak to the site's unique geological and historical significance.

Brick Factory Heritage Centre

The most dramatic piece of Evergreen Brick Works, this 52,000 square foot space is the largest building on-site. Guided tours of three long tunnel kilns and six single-track drying tunnels (enhanced with interpretive signage) will lead visitors back in time to explore the rich industrial heritage of the site. Outward Bound Canada will occupy the north end of the building with a ropes course and climbing tower; the south end of the building will contain a gallery of large-scale contemporary art installations. The unique combination of heritage, activity and art make it a fabulous venue for events.

The Nature Playground

This outdoor children's play and learning area will feature an edible landscape including gardens, fruit trees, berry bushes and year-round greens from the greenhouse. Foods gathered in the garden will be prepared and preserved in the children's indoor kitchen, while baking will take place in an open-air bake oven. Large cisterns will provide water for the gardens that will be transported through a series of portable aqueducts, flow forms and manual water pumps - directed and powered by children. Undulating terrain, an elevated over-sized nest capable of holding a group of children, an amphitheatre and a leafy observation tunnel will encourage discovery and wide-eyed wonder. A large area of the chimney court will become a stage for the constantly evolving series of hands-on projects. Using a diversity of natural materials, children will be the primary architects and builders of creative and traditional structures. Together, all these elements will inspire physical exploration and intellectual curiosity while grounding and connecting children to a rich and inviting natural environment.

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Centre for Urban Sustainability

The only new building on-site, the Centre for Urban Sustainability will be the intellectual and educational nexus of the Evergreen Brick Works campus. It will serve as a meeting place where innovators, educators and leaders in social and environmental thought come together to bring about positive change. Constructed to incorporate and showcase the highest standards of green design, this building will be rated LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Platinum, among a small handful of LEED Platinum buildings in Canada and the only one designated for a heritage site.

Evergreen Marché

A core part of the food programming on-site, the Marché will offer year-round food from local farmers and artisans. In this space, visitors will discover the richness of food through gardening and cooking experiences. Through the Marché, Evergreen Brick Works will invite visitors to explore the cultural and culinary diversity of local agriculture and will inspire food action in homes and communities. The Marché will feature a collection of storefronts including the Evergreen Farm Store, The Healthy Butcher, Merchants of Green Coffee and the Jamie Kennedy Café.

Green City Gardens

The roof is coming off this building to create a 20,000 square foot native plant demonstration centre. These native plant and food gardens will inspire visitors with tips, techniques and designs for creating gardens in urban settings. School groups, community groups, home gardeners and families will participate in the planting, care and maintenance of these gardens. In winter, movable planters will be relocated in order to make room for a playful skating trail that winds through the gardens.

Eco-Pavilions

The Eco-Pavilions are in the centrally located, covered, outdoor space that frames gatherings, festivals, plant nurseries and the Evergreen Brick Works Farmers' Market. This 27,000 square foot space will host a variety of children and youth programming designed to connect them with nature in the city. In the colder months, the Pavilions will be set up for ice skating.

Arts and Adventure Centre

The Arts and Adventure Centre will provide art studio space to local art and community organizations. Here, visitors will connect to the site's geological history through hands-on clay building activities and to the broader landscape through painting and moulding. On the first floor, visitors will be outfitted with bicycles, skates and ideally, snowshoes and cross-country skis, to get fit while experiencing the natural world.

Ravine Terrace

This is the entrance to the Quarry Gardens from Evergreen Brick Works. The terrace is the symbolic and physical space connecting geologic time, ecological restoration and environmental discovery on the industrial pad. It offers views of the north slope of the quarry and the ponds. It will be a gathering place, as well as a special event venue and outdoor art exhibit space.

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