

Honourable Mention



Owner: City Housing Hamilton.

Architect: Graff Grguric Architects Incorporated.

The Gore Building

89 King Street East, Hamilton

Project Description:

In response to the growing need for downtown housing, the City of Hamilton initiated the construction of this five-storey mixed-use development, which accommodates 16 residential one-bedroom units and two large commercial units located on the ground floor. The front elevation of the new Gore Building reflects some of the architectural features of other downtown buildings. Large south facing sliding glass doors with railings allow for a unique experience of the downtown.

Jury Comments:

This is an important social project as it provides affordable housing in the downtown core close to all of the amenities. Overall the building fits well and improves the streetscape. The design is notable in the aligning of horizontal façade elements and articulation of the entrance area and storefronts. However, a greater emphasis could have been placed on the detailing especially decorative enhancements of the top cornice and in keeping with the elegant cornices of the buildings around the park. The five-storey, mid-rise building type provides an appropriate human scale that complements the overall context yet providing an appropriate residential density suited to the economic realities of development.