

Similar Successful Projects in Canada by Janet Rosenberg & Studio

1) Celebration Square, Mississauga, Ontario

The design consolidated the Civic and Library Squares into a single space that is welcoming, accessible, and accommodating to Mississauga's growing and diverse population. The large water feature, with only 50mm of water, becomes a skating rink in the winter and can be drained and transformed into an event square when needed.

Since its opening in June 2011, it has seen tremendous growth in both the attendance and types of events, with an average of 12 new events per year and a 23% increase in attendance. It was also rewarded with an Urban Design Award of Excellence in 2011.





2) Newmarket Riverwalk Commons, Newmarket, Ontario

This downtown revitalization transformed a former parking lot adjacent to Holland River Park and Fairy Lake in Newmarket into a multi-use, adaptable location for town-wide and regional events. A blue ribbon weaves through the Commons, connecting the trail systems to the new community centre, park, and river. Riverwalk Commons has become an inviting destination, offering year-round activities, linking old and new, and bringing a new energy and excitement to the area.

The park has become a source of civic pride; a space for skating in the winter, cooling off in the splash pad in the summer, stopping to enjoy a rest by the river while enjoying the trails, and a place where neighbours reunite at the farmers market. The project was rewarded with a Canadian Society of Landscape Architect Award of Excellence, Regional Merit for Design in 2013.





3) Guelph Market Square, Guelph, Ontario

As part of the revitalization of the city's historical downtown core, Guelph Market Square was designed to adapt to a variety of uses throughout the year. The central water feature is used for wading on hot summer days and can be drained for events such as markets and concerts. In the winter months, it becomes a skating rink.

The square exerts an influence beyond its own visual boundaries, uniting City Hall and the retail area into a single, dynamic plaza. This transformation has helped to revitalize the surrounding business area. It has received multiple awards for design, including: 2014 RAIC National Urban Design Awards, Certificate of Merit, Civic Design; 2014 The Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (ACO) Provincial Award, Margaret and Nicholas Hill Cultural Heritage Landscape Award; and 2013 CSLA Award of Excellence, Regional Honour.





