CAMP KAWARTHA LIVING BUILDING PROJECT

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Educational Greenhouse

05 EXISTING ROTARY HALL

The existing Rotary Hall will be incorporated into the new facility to assist in the project's ambition of net positive waste. Reuse of existing materials and structures teaches us to conserve our natural resources and lessens the overall impact associated with material harvesting and processing, thereby reducing water use, energy use and waste production. The existing straw bale construction will remain as an educational feature of within the building.

06 DINING HALL

The dining hall proposes a cross-laminated timber structure that focuses visibility to the surrounding natural landscapes and is choreographed to create distinct spaces for different types of programming opportunities. Windows are sheltered from summer sun by large overhangs, and include operable windows for access to fresh air and cross ventilation. Roof-lines are oriented to maximize solar energy collection and divert storm water for capture and use within the building. Connections are deliberately exposed to support ongoing educational opportunities

20 KITCHEN

The project intends to celebrate food and agriculture with the intent to re-establish a tie between humans and their nourishment; communities to their land. As such, the kitchen is centrally located on the site and within the floor plan to create high visibility and accessibility. The kitchen will subscribe to the net zero-waste target and enhance best practices such as compost and local agriculture for educational opportunities. Investing in food education will support a healthy lifestyle.

07 ENTRANCE LOBBY

The entrance lobby is central within the floor plan and the major point of circulation. The design proposes a large two-storey volume that includes a feature living wall as the threshold to the dining space. The two storey lobby space steps above the roof-line to catch sunlight to support the growth of the living wall, which in turn, helps to filter the air and provide food production. Anchoring this central space with a large living wall enhances to access to nature and provides additional educational opportunities within the building

21 OUTDOOR KITCHEN

The main entrance to the building is sheltered beneath a large overhead canopy that includes a space dedicated to the outdoor kitchen and related outdoor activities. Sheltered from the elements, this space can be programed regardless of weather conditions. In conjunction with the main kitchen space, the outdoor kitchen will celebrate food and agricultural literacy, while promoting concepts of waste reduction, environmental living and a healthy lifestyle. The outdoor kitchen will include on-site composting and bio-gas generation for cooking.

11 DORMS

There are five dorms that are located within the living building that can accommodate up to 40 guests. The dorms are sized to be fully accessible, complete with large operable windows for cross ventilation and southern exposure for passive solar design. The dorms will be constructed with local materials and feature a green roof system.

15 SCREENED PORCH

A screened porch is included as the link between the dorms and the dining hall lobby. This space features a view to the lake and surrounding natural landscape and provides a quiet space to enjoy nature. Covered outdoor spaces such as this are sheltered by large roof overhangs that also generate enough roof area to achieve net positive energy with on-site solar panels. These roof overhangs also work to collect rainwater for harvesting and use within the building.

09 WASHROOMS

All the washrooms within the facility are gender neutral to ensure the design is fully inclusive. Washrooms are connected to living machine waste water treatment to achieve the net positive water targets of the project. One hundred percent of the project's water needs must be supplied by captured precipitation or other natural closed-loop water systems.

08 LAVATORY CLOSET

The lavatory is one of most tactile experiences that we have with the water that we use. The design proposes that this experience is shared and celebrated as a prominent space within the building. Concepts of water independence are crucial to a changing world. The design proposes a shared experience for the lavatory and water use to raise awareness of water consumption and scarcity. Key spaces such as these further reinforce the educational and experiential opportunities within the new living building.

27 COMMUNAL TERRACE

A large outdoor terrace is fanned-out to maximize the view of the lake and the surrounding natural landscape. Movable planter boxes allow opportunities for urban agriculture and space division. The terrace has connection to the dining hall and main entrance lobby to allow the opportunity to be programmed together for large events or special occasions. Building features such as green roof elements, solar panels and a rainwater harvesting cistern have the opportunity to be assembled here as part of an educational experience.

29 GARDENS AND TRAILS

The design proposes to take advantage of the natural tiering of the landscape from the upper common to the lower common for urban agricultural use and habitat enhancements. The existing tree canopy would remain with sensitive improvements to support food production for the camp and pollinators. Due to the tiered landscape, these features would be visible from the terrace and further enhance the educational and beautification targets of the project.

02/03 COMMONS

The existing upper and lower commons are key areas that support active lifestyles and our connection with nature. The new living building project strives to enhance the connection between major outdoor spaces, as well as connecting trails and pedestrian networks to support human-powered living, and to restore a healthy interrelationship with nature.



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Conceptual Human Eye Perspective (looking North West)

