

Royal Ontario Museum Currelly Hall Washroom Renewal

The reimagined Currelly Hall washrooms at the Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) inject new life into a highly pragmatic program. They are the most heavily used at the ROM, but were badly outdated and not in keeping with the institution's ethos of accessibility and environmental responsibility. Renovated to meet the ROM's centenary, the redesigned washrooms enhance the visitor experience while complementing the historic character of Currelly Hall. Now fully accessible to visitors of all ages and abilities, they require minimum maintenance and are virtually indestructible.

Much of the aesthetic inspiration for the project came from the ROM and its collections. As a museum of natural and cultural history, the ROM has an extensive anthology of fossils abstracted and embedded in various curvilinear forms.

To achieve the ROM's objective of synthesizing aesthetics, durability, and efficiency of use and maintenance, the design bypassed conventional washroom fixtures and products. Fundamental to the scheme is a unique, sinuous element that combines the function of a counter with an ADA-compliant trough-style sink at two heights—one for children and the other for adults and those in mobility devices—complete with a baby-changing table and diaper disposal. Fabricated from white Corian, it is a seamlessly integrated clean and fluid form; its organic contours providing a sculptural and dynamic focus to the space.

LOCATION Toronto ON
SCOPE Interior Renovation
SIZE 1,400 sf
COMPLETION 2014

