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Escarpment Hall - Rendering

### **\$39.3M of Infrastructure Work at The Milton Centre for the Arts: On time, on budget**

With an opening scheduled for spring 2011, the new Milton Centre for the Arts is an exception on the landscape of Infrastructure Renewal Projects. Recent headlines report numerous requests for extension of construction project deadlines, revealing the struggle to meet the March 31st Infrastructure Canada deadline. This is not the case in Milton. The Town of Milton will open their new landmark facility on time - only fourteen months after work began.

+VG Architects are proud to be an integral part of the design team that has made this project a resounding success. This Design / Build project is lead by PCL Constructors Canada and includes Halsall Associates as structural engineers, with Smith & Andersen as mechanical & electrical engineers, who have all collaborated on the \$40 million project.

Milton Centre for the Arts exemplifies the tradition of excellence for civic projects by and for the Town of Milton. +VG Architects have contributed to the successful completion of multiple projects for the Town, including the new Milton Civic Centre, which recently celebrated its grand opening.

The Town of Milton describes the new Centre for the Arts as “a multi-use venue for a wide variety of programming which supports and enhances culture skill development and education.”

This extraordinary facility brings together three distinct programs, in one building: Performing Arts Centre, Visual Arts Centre and Public Library. Framed by themes of water, agriculture, escarpment and community, the design reflects the high calibre of a quality public place. Escarpment Hall, the main circulation / crush space, forms a dramatic interior main street. Its backdrop

of layered limestone and wood finishes is suitable for corporate, recreation and education activities. The new facility enables many opportunities to showcase artistic works. The Woodland Art Gallery will accommodate both individual and group visual art exhibitions.

The Visual Art Centre, on the second floor, has outstanding views and is filled with natural light. It has two main studios, one for adults and one for children. The Public Library, set along Main Street, creates a vibrant, urban edge. The western end is dominated by a massive limestone fireplace. The facility features expanded space for in-depth collections, resources and programs.

Milton's new 500 seat live-performance Theatre captures the fundamental theme of community. The theatre will showcase drama, music, orchestra, dance, concerts, cinema, lectures, and conferences. It incorporates a large Multi-purpose Room, which will be used for theatrical presentations and also serve a wide range of community events.

Milton Centre for the Arts is a high performance Green building, designed to achieve LEED® Silver certification. It is designed to make optimum use of natural light and fresh air, minimize water and power consumption and reduce site impact, waste and emissions.

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