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+VG Architects Designed Milton Town Hall Wins Award

### THE MILTON TOWN HALL EXPANSION DESIGNED BY +VG ARCHITECTS WON THE 2010 ONTARIO PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION PROJECT OF THE YEAR AWARD

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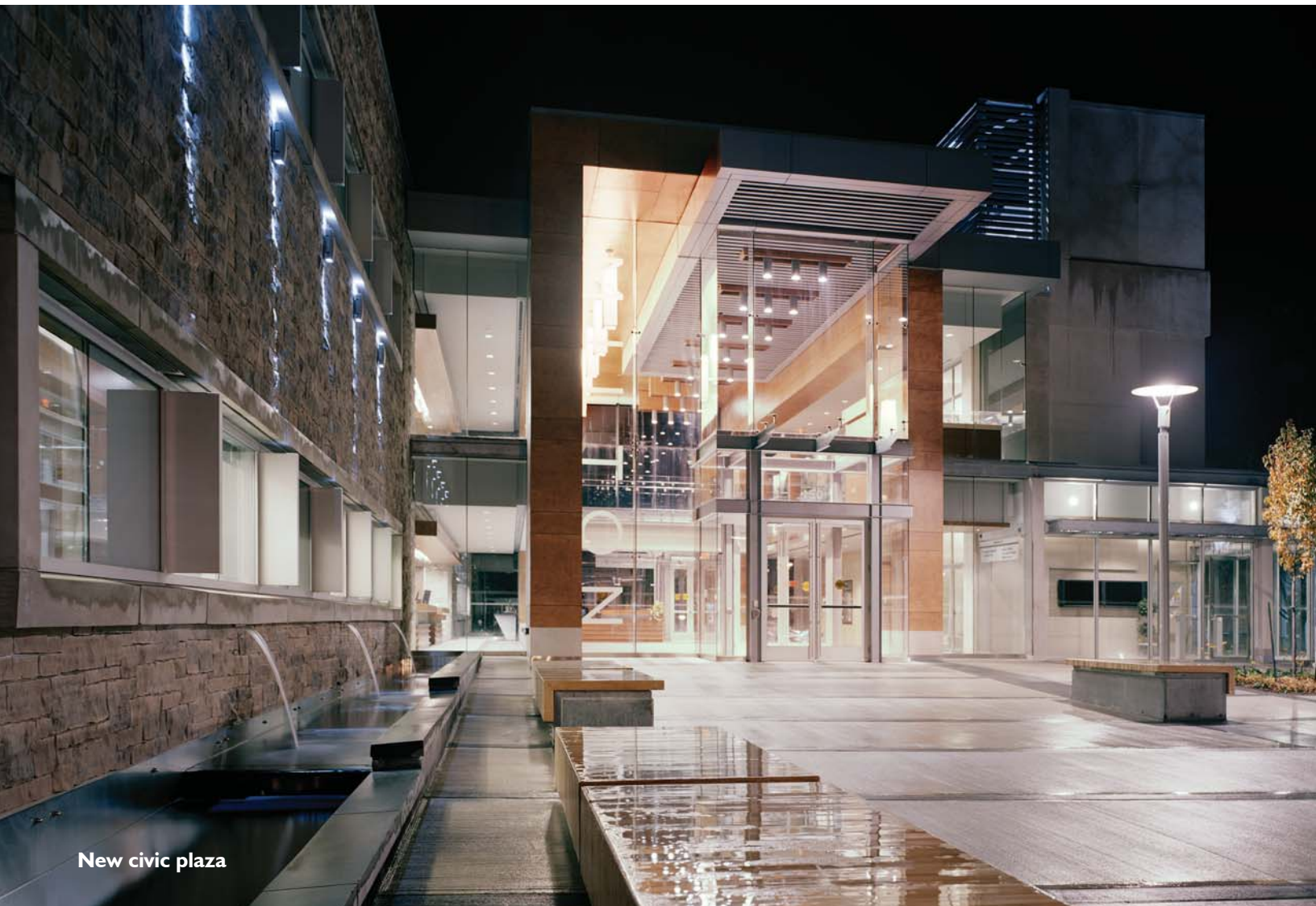
Growth and expansion of Ontario's urban centers in recent years have resulted in civic centre renewal for administrations in Guelph, Vaughan, Cambridge, Innisfil—and Milton, a half-hour west of Toronto where the new Town Hall designed by **+VG Architects** has won the 2010 Ontario Public Works Association Project of the Year Award.

The Award will be officially presented to the Town of Milton at the OPWA Annual Conference and Awards



Luncheon on January 29, at the Mississauga Grand Banquet and Convention Centre, 35 Brunel Rd., Mississauga. The award is in the 'Projects Greater Than \$10-million' category. "We liked the way the new Town Hall maintains the existing heritage forms while updating them to modernity," says Robert Penner, Chair of the OPWA Awards Committee. "It's a very good project that scored high on all the criteria we used to judge the submissions."

Jennifer Reynolds, Director, Community Services, Corporation of the Town of Milton, says, "It's a landmark for the Town.



New civic plaza

It's really strengthened and given a strong vivid presence to Milton's downtown. In its location, it handles the transition between the downtown commercial core and the historic residential neighbourhood very nicely". "The new Town Hall has strengthened cohesiveness and communication among all staff," Reynolds continues. "Morale has improved because the space is very bright and welcoming, and because of the ease of access; all the resources required are close by.

The facility is very customer-oriented, both for internal customers and those that visit us from the public." The new Town Hall adds 50,000 square feet of municipal office space, housing 200 city employees. The project was completed on time in early 2010 and on budget at \$18 Million. The project is the latest component in a civic campus.

In 1985, **+VG Architects** restored and renovated the original municipal building, a castle-like courthouse built in 1854, adding a new wing. The building operated at the Town Hall until Milton's rapid population growth (it now numbers 75,000) mandated further expansion.

**+VG Architects** has designed over 40 city halls in Ontario, either as new or adaptive reuse heritage projects. The renovation of Toronto's Old City Hall buildings remains the largest stone restoration and replacement job ever undertaken in Ontario.



New venue space within historic jail complex

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New civic atrium