

Surrey Civic Centre & Plaza



LOCATION

Surrey, British Columbia, Canada

CLIENT

City of Surrey

SIZE

172,000 SF

PROJECT TEAM

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AWARDS

OAA Design Excellence Award;
New City Design Award of Excellence;
Green Building Award

SUSTAINABILITY

LEED Gold

The new City Hall is an iconic piece of architecture that has been purpose-built to serve the community. It is a City Hall that residents can be proud of, and it represents a milestone in Surrey's transformation into the region's next great metropolitan centre.

— Dianne Watts, Mayor, City of Surrey

Civic engagement and social interaction are primary goal of the project. The LEED Gold building is a warm and welcoming beacon to visitors and residents alike. Within the atrium lobby, the dynamic connection to government is expressed by a transparent council chamber that opens directly onto the atrium floor: an invitation to participate in civic affairs. Sightlines from the atrium into the office floors above also make visible and accessible the workings of government, as do staff passing back and forth across the sky bridges linking the east and west wings of offices and the open staircases energetically cantilevered into the atrium volume. Appearing to float above the glass enclosure is the roof canopy, deeply overhung on the south side and wrapping down the west façade for sun-shading, where the precast panels are penetrated by a series of abstracted geometric shapes to admit controlled light into select interior spaces.

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