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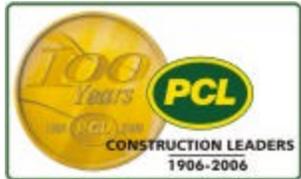
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*EPOH INC.
Massive steel trusses, donated by two local fabricators, vault the width of the Steelback Centre.*

Recreational Hometown team building Sault's Steelback Centre

Local content was a key ingredient in composition of design teams

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SAULT STE. MARIE

When the city of Sault Ste. Marie set out to build a new sports and entertainment centre, maximizing local content was high on the priority list.

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"We wanted to make this a showcase of local talent," said Nick Apostle, the city's commissioner of community services.

Council did not issue a directive per se, he said. But local content was identified in the composition of design teams when requests for proposals were solicited.

"That was spelled out in our documents," Apostle said.

Officially known as the Steelback Centre, the \$22.5 million project boasts a mostly hometown team of design consultants, sprinkled with some out-of-town expertise.

The project team includes prime consultants EPOH Inc., a Sault firm of architects, engineers and interior designers, as well as structural engineers M.R. Wright & Associates Co. Ltd. and civil engineers Walker Engineering.

EPOH, which is working in association with Vancouver-headquartered PBK Architects Inc., is providing electrical and mechanical engineering services as part of the package.



"We've been able to reap huge benefits from having the architects and engineers right here in town," Apostle said.

Destined to be the new home of the Soo Greyhounds, the centre can accommodate 5,000 people for hockey games and 6,500 for concerts or other events. The facility includes 13 private boxes and a club lounge. It also provides a venue for trade shows and the like.

Substantial completion is scheduled for late this month.

While general contractor Bondfield Construction is headquartered in Concord, Ont., the lion's share of the subtrades are from the Sault. Bondfield was one of prequalified contractors that bid the project.

"We have our dream team on this job — a great selection of really competent local trades," said Rick Thomas, manager of the Sault Ste. Marie Construction Association. "We're real proud."

Key subtrades include McLeod Bros. Mechanical Inc., Red Star Electric Ltd., Henderson Metal Fabricating Co., MJM Roofing & Siding, drywall contractor Advance Interiors and Mid Canada Construction Corp.

"The local trades have been excellent," said Bondfield vice-president John Aquino.

Two local steel fabricators, Algoma Steel and Algoma Tubes Inc., donated products for fabrication of the massive steel trusses which vault the building's width.

The centre will replace the aging Sault Memorial Gardens. That facility, which opened in 1949, was in need of renovation, Apostle said.





EPOH INC.

The Light Tower (at right) was salvaged during demolition of the Sault Memorial Gardens.

Instead of pouring money into costly renovations, the city opted to secure funding for a new facility. It ultimately obtained a \$7.4 million grant under the Canada-Ontario infrastructure program and \$1 million from the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corp.

Apostle, who believes the architects have done an “awesome” job, said the building is a multi-purpose facility that fits well into the downtown landscape.

“It isn’t just a plain box building,” he said. “It has many different types of finishes on the exterior — curtainwall, block and metal siding.”

The exterior masonry complements that of nearby buildings.

EPOH said the interior hosts design features “which accentuate the highly social atmosphere” in the Sault. An open concourse permits the public to maintain visual connections with activities on the lower event floor.

At the same time, the concourse allows people to circulate around the bowl’s perimeter.

Large, glazed openings “not only provide spectacular views of the city landscape, but also connect patrons to their city by highlighting the urban activity along Queen Street,” EPOH said.

While Memorial Gardens was demolished to pave for construction, its Light Tower was salvaged. Renovations are under way. The tower stands “as a proud reminder” of the city’s heritage, EPOH said.

The lamp atop the tower will light up at night.

Apostle said the opening of the centre will put the city “way ahead of the game” in terms of attracting trade shows, conventions and sporting and entertainment events to the region.

“This puts us about ten years ahead of our northern Ontario counterparts,” he said. “No one else has this type of facility ready to go or even close to it. These projects take a long time (to get off the ground).”

Tiverton-based Steelback Brewery has signed a 10-year deal with the city to have the facility carry its moniker. The centre is scheduled to open this fall.

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Industrial leads way in June building permits

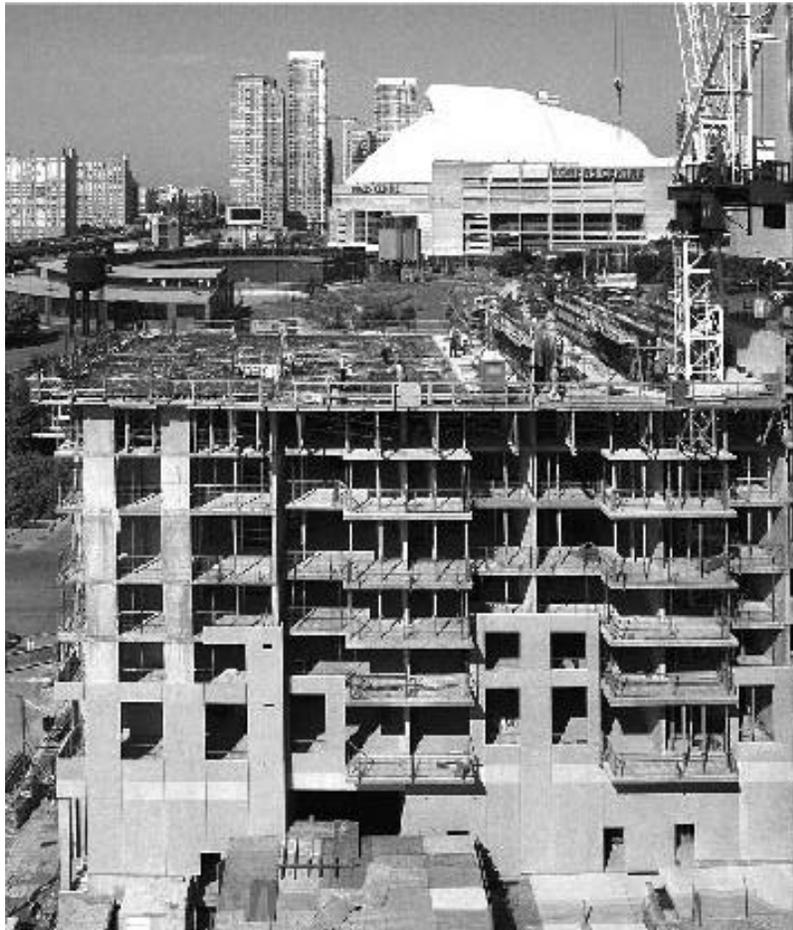
StatsCan numbers reflect a 'very Alberta story' in industrial building

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Construction intentions for the industrial sector hit their highest level in 17 years as contractors took out a high value of permits in Alberta, softening the overall decline in building permits for the non-residential sector in June.

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Infinity Condominiums



WILLIAM CONWAY/PROGRESS PHOTOGRAPHY

Work continues for the Infinity Condominiums at Lower Simcoe Street and Bremner Boulevard in Toronto. Owner/developer The Conservatory Group began the 35-storey, 639-unit project in January 2004 and it will include a daycare, community centre, commercial space and four levels of underground parking. The project was designed by E.I. Richmond Architects Ltd. Consultants are: Jablonsky

Ast & Partners (structural); The ECE Group Ltd. (mechanical/electrical); and Alexander Budrevics Associates Ltd. (landscape). Subtrades include: B. Gottardo Construction Ltd. (excavation); Deep Foundations Contractors Ltd. (shoring/caissons); Resform Construction Ltd. (formwork); C & T Reinforcing Steel Co. (1987) Ltd.; St. Marys CBM (concrete supply); Brady Mechanical Systems; D. Zentil Mechanical Ltd. (plumbing); Mayfair Electric Ltd.; Quest Window Systems Inc.; Protech Roofing Waterproofing Ltd.; and ThyssenKrupp Elevator Ltd.

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Fire destroys much of Sydney industrial park

NORTH SYDNEY, N.S.

A blaze at the Northside Industrial Park in North Sydney, N.S., was battled by three fire departments and the Department of Natural Resources.

North Sydney Fire Department Deputy Chief Lloyd MacIntosh says an extensive portion of the industrial park was involved.

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Beijing hopes to clear the air before 2008 Olympics

BEIJING

Two years before the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games begin, organizers are heralding a smooth construction program, but still showing concerns about potential traffic and pollution problems.

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Finning profits from building boom

VANCOUVER

Heavy equipment dealer Finning International Inc. reported a 24 per cent spike in second-quarter profit on record quarterly revenues, helped by a roaring economy driving construction in the Western provinces.

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SNC-Lavalin wins upgrader contract

CALGARY

Engineering and construction company SNC-Lavalin Group Inc. has won a \$27.5-million contract from privately owned North West Upgrading Inc. to design an oilsands upgrader.

SNC-Lavalin will immediately begin engineering design specifications for North West's proposed bitumen upgrader and is expected to complete the design by mid-2007.

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