Seismic Upgrade, Heritage Restoration and Addition

John Norquay Elementary 4710 Slocan St., Vancouver, BC, V5R 2A1



PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Norquay Elementary opened in 1913. The building was constructed in the formal Edwardian architectural style typical of early Vancouver School buildings. Various additions and renovations were completed over the years.

Portions of the school were seismically upgraded in 2001 and the remainder of the seismic work was completed in 2008 with a new library/classroom addition. The upgrade included the use of solid, reinforced concrete arches that stretched across the walls and ceiling on all three floors. The interior spaces were redesigned to create a more open atmosphere and to improve circulation and access.

The school upgrade project was nominated for the City of Vancouver Heritage Awards.

SCHOOL FACTS

Working Capacity: 801 student spaces Grades: K - 7 Total Gross Area: 7,004 sq. meters

Original Construction Date: 1913 Additions/Major Renovations: 1922, 1925, 1928, 1957, 1993

Historic Design Firm/Lead Architects: J. H. Bowman, E.D. King, The Randale Partnership Architect and Engineers

Seismic Upgrade Completed: 2001/2008 Prime Consultants: W. Iredale Group/Pomeroy Engineering Ltd.

Architectural Styles: Classical Revival, Early Modern, Contemporary Vancouver Heritage Registry Designation: "B" Commonwealth Heritage Score: 15/25