Seismic Upgrade, Heritage Restoration, and Addition

Lord Roberts Elementary 1100 Bidwell Street, Vancouver, BC, V6G 2K4



PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Lord Roberts Elementary School (the original frame building) was established in 1901. In 1907 the main brick building was constructed and the 1901 building was demolished. The population of the West End neighbourhood continued to grow and the school was expanded with additions and renovations. The school's population peaked around 1919 with more than a thousand students. Today, the school building has a more modest student population between 400-450.

The building is a three storey structure designed in a Classical Revival architectural style. The brick building has a heritage "A" designation. The additions were designed in Early Modern and Contemporary architectural styles.

The 1996 seismic upgrade consisted of preserving the original 1907 building and gymnasium. Also, a small addition was constructed on the back of the building. The 1970 building was not included in the seismic upgrade but retained for the Roberts Adult Education Centre.

SCHOOL FACTS

Working Capacity: 388 student spaces Grades: K - 7 Total Gross Area: 6,361 sq. meters

Original Construction Date: 1901, 1907 Additions/Major Renovations: 1915, 1954, 1960, 1969/1970 Historic Design Firm/Lead Architects: W.T. Whiteway, E.D. King

Seismic Upgrade Completed: 1996 Prime Consultant: Downs, Archambault

Architectural Styles: Classical Revival, Early Modern, Contemporary Vancouver Heritage Registry Designation: Building 2 "A" Commonwealth Heritage Score: 15/25

