

+VG Architects awarded County of Lennox and Addington Museum and Archives expansion

BUILT IN 1864, THE FORMER COUNTY JAIL HAS BEEN HOME TO THE COUNTY'S RESEARCH LIBRARY, ARCHIVES AND GENEALOGICAL FILES SINCE 1971



[Napanee, ON, April, 2012] +VG Architects is pleased to announce that they have been retained by the County of Lennox and Addington for the Museum and Archives building expansion project. +VG Architects will provide heritage consulting and architectural design services.

The project goal is to maximize efficiency for the 21st century and to stage the site for future development in the context of the collection of heritage buildings. The building expansion will address the need for additional archives and artifacts administration and storage space including: accessible archives and public research/reading room; multi-purpose public space; curatorial receiving, processing & exhibit preparation space; accessible public washrooms; freight elevator to access archival and artifact storage and to provide modernized environmental controls to improve energy efficiency.



+VG Architects have been working with the County of Lennox and Addington Museum and Archives since 2002, when the firm was first retained for a Facility Evaluation and Space Needs Study. Subsequent studies have been performed including updates to the Master Plan in 2008 and Development of Preliminary Design in 2009.

The proposed addition will be subordinate to the scale and mass of the existing building. The height of the new building will be kept as close as possible to the height of the former jail walls to minimize the impact on the historical fabric.



The new addition is proposed to be clad in a similar - not identical - limestone material in order for the new addition to be distinguishable from the old. The project is scheduled for completion spring 2012

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Client: Township of Greater Napanee

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