

## **+VG Architects Win 2012 Green Brick Award**



The Urban League of London has selected the former London Normal School as this year's Green Brick Award winner. The award will be presented during the U.L.L. annual general meeting on Thursday June 7th at Grosvenor Lodge, 1017 Western Road, London, beginning at 7pm.

The London Normal School comprises one full block, East of Wortley Road and West of Marley Place and was designated as a Heritage building by the City of London in 1985. This property is protected by a Conservation Easement Agreement held by the Ontario Heritage Trust.

Built between 1898 and 1900, it was originally erected as the London Normal School (Teacher's College), the third to be built in the province. Architecturally, the school is described as late High Victorian, combining elements of the Gothic Revival and Romanesque Revival styles. An architect employed with the Ontario Department of Public Works designed this building.

Capital repairs undertaken by +VG included reinstating the functional integrity of the building envelope, restoring the rosette windows and removing the aging metal fire escape, as well as:

- Re-pointing of brickwork and stone;
- Brick replacement at deteriorated locations
- Stone Dutchman and Jahn mortar repairs including custom matching of mortar mixtures
- Restore wood windows and add new storm windows to match existing
- Repair and repainting of double hung windows
- Restoration of large rosette windows
- Caulking of masonry and wood windows
- Cleaning of brick and stone surfaces; and Removal of metal fire escape and associated repairs.

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