

Project Story: Place de Portage Phase IV



PROJECT LOCATION: Place du Portage in Gatineau, QC

DEPARTMENT: Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC)

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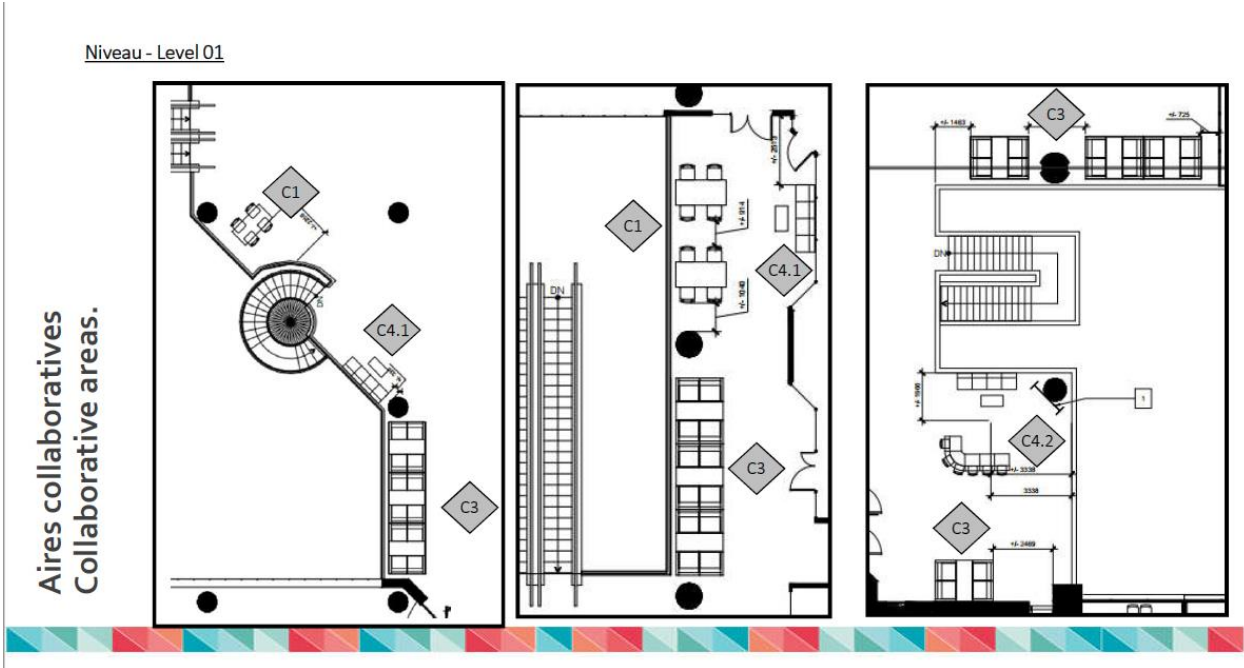
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PURPOSE:

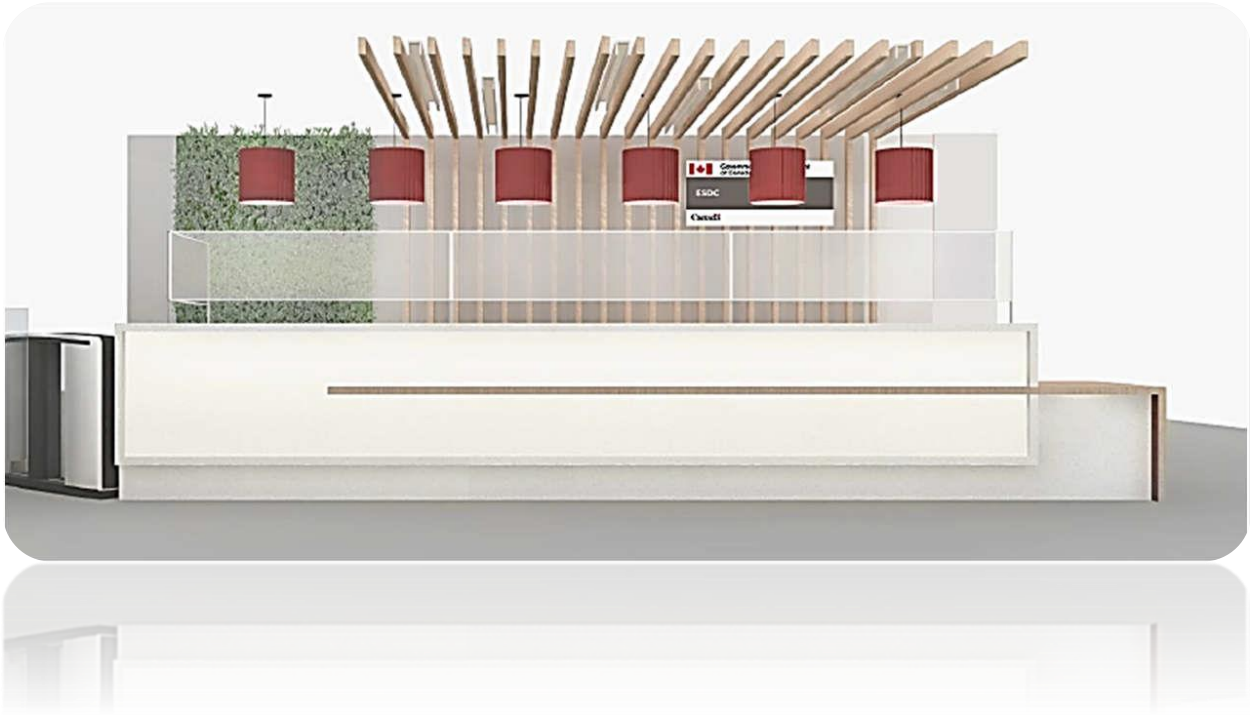
As part of the ESDC Workplace initiative, some lobby spaces were modernized as part of the project taking place at Place de Portage. These spaces did not belong to ESDC and so participation and approval was sought from PSPC to complete this project.

The overall goal of the project was to modernize the old reception area and create a more welcoming environment. We also addressed the lack of collaborative and meeting space.



Plans And Design For The New Reception Area:





The design team proposed locations and layouts respecting the base building color palette of Portage and included live walls to harmonies with the vegetation in the atrium of the main entrance.

We also added modern light fixtures and technology to add to the **modernization** of the Project.

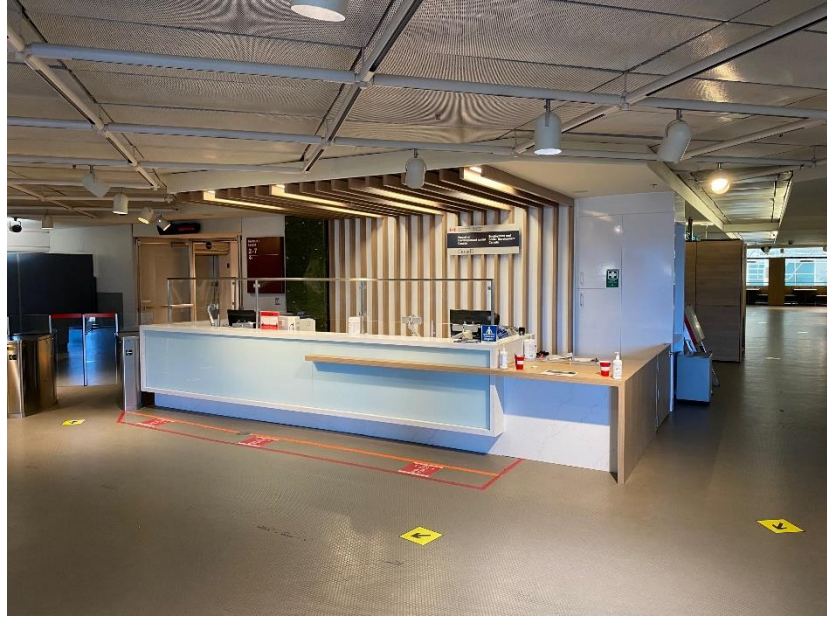
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SCOPE

Project start date Project started in late 2019 when the floor plan was created and furniture was purchased early 2020. Electrical work for lighting and millwork for new reception started in January 2022. Project was completed in April 2022. As soon as we started the space was already being used by support staff in the building such as Commissionaires, cleaning crew and BGIS employees.

Hay Design were the consultants who work on concept for the lighting, felt panels, reception desk and technical drawings.

Before VS After Picture's Of The Reception Area



Category 2

COLLABORATIVE AREAS

Collaborative zones are based on an activity-based workplace design. These areas allow employees to communicate, work, and connect. Within the collaborative zone, chat points, huddles, and team collaboration spaces are intended to encourage employees to work differently than they would in a traditional office setting by providing them with different settings from which to work.

Chat Point: The Chat Point Areas are located on the First floor of the building and are used for general communication with others as well as a different area to take a meeting or do your work!



Huddles: The huddle points are where employees talk and work on project together in this new ESDC workplace



Teaming Area: The Teaming Area where meetings and interaction with employees is assessable and easy with the new sitting arrangement and design of the area. Theses area benefit to bigger open meetings as well as communicating with bigger groups.



MAJOR TURNING POINTS OF THE PROJECT

Since the major part of the design phase was done during the pandemic where we had to limit on site access, we realized when furniture installation started that a few more on-site verifications should have been done by the consultants to reflect the as-built conditions and dimensions. The green wall' width behind the reception desk needed to be reduced and some light fixtures couldn't be installed because of ceiling conditions. But overall the project went well

1 UNIQUE ASPECT ABOUT THE PROJECT

This type of project is unique, we typically are not allowed to the project outside of ESDC space and the lobbies are not part of our space allocation. ESDC had to put in place and pay for an extra cleaning contract to have the furniture cleaned.

USEFUL LINKS AND OTHER TEMPLATES PROVIDED



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