

## New Light and Life in the Exchange District

The creative hub is a distinct public space typology designed to complement and reinforce the function of other adjacent parks and open spaces in the area, providing a new all-season destination for food, arts and culture in Winnipeg.

The Urban Design strategies for transforming Market Lands into a unique, inspiring urban place with a strong sense of belonging focus on:

- Reflecting the long-lots, the meandering Red River, the historic Brown's Creek, the early Indigenous trails and the evolution of Winnipeg's historic street patterns that contribute to the 'Image of the Place'.
- Positioning the Market Hall along the visual and historic axis of Old Market Square, creating a new visual terminus and gateway into Market Lands.

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- Establishing a new **creative hub** composed of the Daybreak Hall, Urban Shaman Gallery, Spectrum Commons, Market Hall and Spectrum Passage, all working together to create a flexible indoor/outdoor venue for a wide range of daily or seasonal activities and events.
- **Reinforcing connections** to adjacent neighbourhoods through the introduction of an interconnected network of pedestrian priority lanes and improved sidewalks.
- Massing a new development so it transitions in scale gently northward providing **optimum solar access** onto the public realm of the entire district.
- Providing for three buildings within the northern parcel that are designed as mixed-use buildings to support of range of potential future uses, and that together total **30,000 m<sup>2</sup> of** new development to invigorate the northern edge of the Exchange.



Gathering Place of the Past and the Future

Making Connections

**Public Places** 







**New Buildings** 











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The holistic design incorporates sustainability, seasonality, vibrancy, and connectivity to create a public platform for the advancement of art, food, and culture in the community.

## Vibrant Indoor / Outdoor Public realm for All Seasons





Spectrum Commons, Market Hall, and Daybreak Hall all work together to create the creative hub: a flexible indoor/ outdoor venue for a wide range of day-to-day and seasonal activities. For special occasions, the design has inherent flexibility for larger celebrations and community events. The amphitheatre-like Viewing Island and Sunken Fire Pit can be used as passive seating, or as an active learning or performance spaces. Benches encircling the Viewing Island provide the opportunity for people to face the activity within the plaza or towards the street beyond. Movable tables, chairs, and activity platforms can be reconfigured within the space to suit the scale and theme of each event.

### Line of Control

## **Passive Design Strategies - Creative Hub**



#### Maximizing Winter Sun

East-west orientation increases beneficial solar heat gain. Southfacing glazing in Market and Daybreak Halls take advantage of low-angle winter sun.

The Ribbon, inspired by lost rivers and old canoe routes, acts as both wayfinding and art paving feature that winds through the City Block. As wayfinding, it guides visitors in a subtle way through connecting complementary elements: the Market Hall, Spectrum Commons, Daybreak Hall, Spectrum Passage, Urban Shaman Gallery, Market Lane, and future mixed-use developments on the north parcel. As art paving, it has the opportunity to act as a discovery public art trail where various installations are found along The Ribbon, and in itself it offers the opportunity for public artists to be engaged to turn The Ribbon into integrated art by engraving poetry, illustrations, or other features into the paving.





of the market is shut.

#### **Buffeting Winter Winds**

Lower levels block passage of prevailing winter winds. Landsaped berms and coniferous trees increase comfort of outdoor spaces.



#### Welcoming Passive Ventilation

Large operable BiFold doors to Daybreak Hall and other entrances open in the summer, drawing winds into the creative hub and naturally ventilating the interior.



### **Integrated Uses = Inspired Users**

#### Artists and their Families at the Heart of the Project

The building is organized to maximise connectivity between the arts and its audience, food merchants and foodies, residents and their city.

Market Hall and Daybreak Hall each powerfully address the street and the sun to create welcoming, vibrant public spaces that are comfortable year-round.

An artist cluster established on the ground floor and mezzanine combine live/work studios with galleries, a workshop, fume room and wash-up area, and connect directly to the main lounge and laundry areas supporting the additional housing above.

Level 2 is designed as a family-floor, where the largest housing units are clustered with amenities including communal dining and rooftop gardening facilities over the Market Hall roof.

The typical housing floors 3-6 are designed to be inclusive, flexible, and comfortable for a diverse range of tenants. As wide-shallow units, they maximize access to light and views within a compact form designed to meet Passive House standards.

All corridors are daylit and all stairs offer views to the landscape beyond.

Photovoltaics on the roof and geothermal systems below efficiently power, heat, and cool the building, achieving net-zero energy and net-zero carbon targets.

- Market Hall
- Daybreak Hall
- Urban Shaman Gallery
- Arts Tenant
- Residential / Live-Work
- Residential Amenity

#### Roof / PV array

#### Levels 3 to 6

(4) studios (10) one-bedrooms (3) two-bedrooms

#### Level 2

resident dining room rooftop amenity (1) one-bedrooms (14) two-bedrooms

#### Mezzanine

resident laundry resident lounge artist washup facility artist fume room (9) live/work units storage / utilities

#### **Ground Floor**

Market Hall Daybreak Hall Urban Shaman Gallery residential lobby artist workshop (3) arts storefronts (7) live/work units garbage / loading areas

utilities / geothermal

Basement

## **Residential Unit Adaptability**

#### Live/Work + Studios

- designed to maximize work area
- 7 live/work units at grade with direct access to Market Lane; additional mezzanine units could double as artist-in-residence suites



#### **One-Bedroom Suites**

- shallow-wide units with good window access and living area
- optional kitchen island to support entire living area conversion into work studio



#### **Two-Bedroom Suites**

- both bedrooms provided window access
- large storage room provided
- furniture layout and use of rooms flexible to support range of use



### **Passive Design Strategies - Housing**



Maximizing Winter Sun

Sawtooth building facade orienting residential windows due-south.



#### High Insulation and AV Barrier Performance

R-40 wall assembly, passive-house detailing of air/vapour barrier and triple-glazed windows support high performance of building envelope.



#### **Daylit Corridors and Desirable Stairs**

Daylighting is provided within each residential corridor through glazed stairs, designed to encourage active living and reduce dependence on artificial lighting.





## **Material Palette**





Glazing



Wood Scrim





Concrete

Facade

**Typical Floor Plan 1:100** 



Landscape Elements





**Green Roof** 

Paving

# Establishing a comfortable microclimate and sustainable building design through solution-oriented innovation

### **Energy Systems**

- **Geothermal Wells:** Geothermal wells support a comprehensive heating and cooling strategy. The buildings' passive design features reduce peak heating loads which help balance the field and reduce its size and the required capital investment.
- 2 **Central Heat Pumps:** Manitoba's clean electricity grid makes heat pumps a logical choice for carbon neutral buildings. Heat pumps within the Creative Hub use electrical energy to efficiently move heat between the building and the geothermal field.
- 3 **Variable Refrigerant Flow Systems:** VRF technology supports efficiently moving energy around the residential portions of the building from spaces which require cooling to those which need heat. By combining VRF with geothermal heat pumps, the building can achieve higher levels of performance and carbon savings.
- **1n-Suite Energy Recovery:** In-suite ERVs provide a simple, cost-effective means of delivering outdoor air directly into each unit, improving indoor air quality while reducing heating, cooling and humidification/ dehumidification energy.
- **5 Hot Water Trench Heaters:** Large areas of glazing in the Market Hall and Daybreak Hall are heated with a hot water system fed from geothermal heat pumps, preventing cold drafts and improving occupant comfort.
- 6 **LED Lighting:** LED lighting with occupancy and daylight sensors reduce energy use.
- **Energy Star Appliances:** Plug and equipment loads are dominate uses of energy. Energy Star Certified refrigerators and cooking equipment help reduce plug loads.
- 8 Photovoltaics: A 150 kW roof-mounted PV array will produce 130,000 kWh per year, providing nearly 40% of the building's energy needs.

### Results

The innovation behind the sustainable design strategy at BEAM is rooted in simple, effective solutions. Instead of using overly complex and expensive technologies, off-the-shelf technologies are assembled into a state of art integration that plays to the strength of the local climate, energy grid, and project budget. This results in a design that is not only highly



### Water Systems

- **Green Roofs:** Green roofs planted with drought-tolerant native species enhance the connection with nature while reducing the need for landscape irrigation and improving stormwater management.
- **2 Low Flow Fixtures:** Ultra-low-flow faucets and showers reduce potable water consumption.
- 3 **Condensing Dryers + Heat Recovery:** Condensing dryers provide a more energy-efficient alternative to direct vented dryers which use more energy and create thermal bridges in the insulated envelope.
- 4 **Domestic Hot Water Heat Pumps:** Geothermal heat pumps provide a much more energy efficient means of heating domestic hot water for the Residential and Creative Hub.
- **Drainwater Heat Recovery:** Capturing energy from shower drains reduces domestic hot water heating demand.

### LEED<sup>®</sup> Targets

Platinum LEED v4 BD+C	80/110
Integrative Process	1/1
Location and Transportation	13/16
Sustainable Sites	5/10
Water Efficiency	7/11
Energy and Atmosphere	27/33
Materials and Resources	5/13
Indoor Environmental Quality	12/16
Innovation	5/5
Regional Priority	4/4

energy efficient, durable, and environmentally sustainable, but is also easy to build, operate, and maintain. In turn, this strategy also creates opportunities for local manufacturers, trades people, and contracters to be engaged in the construction, positively contributing to Winnipeg's economy and skilled-trades capacity.



#### Energy and Carbon Conservation Measures



■ Heating ■ Domestic Hot Water ■ Cooling ■ Heat Rejection ■ Lighting ■ Equipment ■ Fans ■ Pumps □ Renewables

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