CONNECTING PEOPLE TO PLACE

RVA
ARCHITECTURE

Established in 2021, RVA Architecture is a specialized division within the RVA family that bolsters our ability to offer a truly integrated, cross-functional suite of capabilities to help our clients reimagine the possibilities in architectural design and transformation.

By blending together creative passion, forward thinking, data-driven insights, and common sense, we're redefining the standards of what makes design truly great. We approach every project as an opportunity to create humane spaces that can last for generations, protect our planet, and change lives for the better.

HUMAN BY DESIGN.

VALUES YOU CAN TRUST.

Our values define us as a firm: for ourselves, our clients, and our communities. They are core to who we are, what we do, and how we do it. They are foundational to the work we do every day and to the bonds we form with each other and with our clients.

COMMUNITY

As a proudly Canadian-owned and -operated company, the communities we serve are also our own. We understand the nuances of our settings because we get to live, see, and experience them every day. Using our local expertise and nation-wide firm network, we'll bring thoughtful, context-driven designs that are sensitive to our communities.

CREATIVITY

We believe that every project can be a catalyst for trend-breaking transformation. Our ingenuity allows us to balance strategy with experience, creativity with practicality, and ambition with discipline to develop breakthrough solutions with lasting impact.

COLLABORATION

Our interdisciplinary network enables us to serve as an extension of traditional engineering disciplines, including civil, structural, electrical, and mechanical engineering. We draw inspiration and insight from the diversity of creative minds, specialized expertise, and unique strengths that make up our diverse team.

Bruce County Paramedic Facility

EXPANDING THE POSSIBLE.

Our experience goes back decades, drawing on deep industry expertise to balance fresh thinking and time-tested solutions. Along the way, our diversity and capabilities have grown, until we have become what we are today: an award-winning, multidisciplinary team with national reach and a shared passion for helping people and places thrive.

PRACTICE AREAS

Our practice is focused on four key domains that are critical to a resilient and successful community.

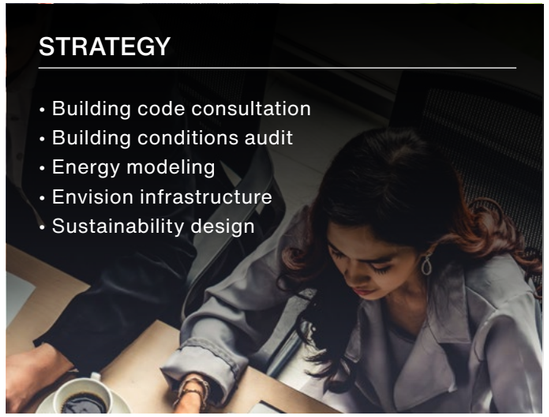
PRACTICE	DESCRIPTION	INFRASTRUCTURE
LIVE	From affordable housing to modern civic centres, we see every project as an opportunity to make a difference in the way people want and need to live.	• Housing • Mixed Use • Urban Planning • Transportation • Infrastructure • Water/Wastewater
WORK	We design high-performing workplaces in line with a company's vision and values, enabling team culture and transforming the way businesses operate.	• Civic Places • Health Facilities • Office Buildings • Commercial • Warehouse • Industrial
LEARN	We envision and deliver flexible, integrated educational environments, rooted in the knowledge that there are no limits to where or how learning takes place.	• Schools • Colleges and Universities • Residence Halls • Libraries • Labs • Research Centres
EXPLORE	We create unforgettable and immersive spaces that inspire cultural discovery, exploration, and discourse for individuals and communities.	• Indigenous Projects • Community Centres • Heritage Buildings Museums • Sports Complexes • Parks and Recreation

SERVICE OFFERINGS

Our architectural services are integrated seamlessly with engineering disciplines to offer an unparalleled level of service coverage for all your project needs.

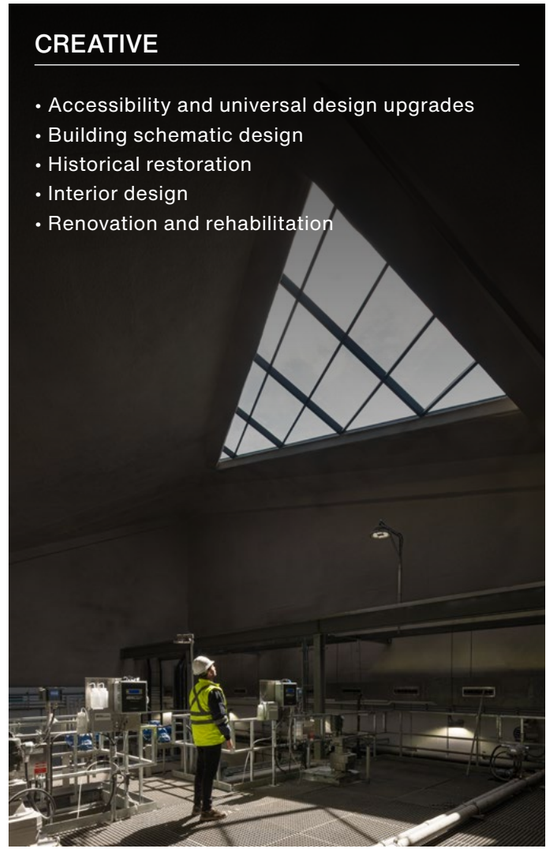
RESEARCH

- Architectural site planning
- Feasibility studies
- Project programming
- Zoning and bylaw research



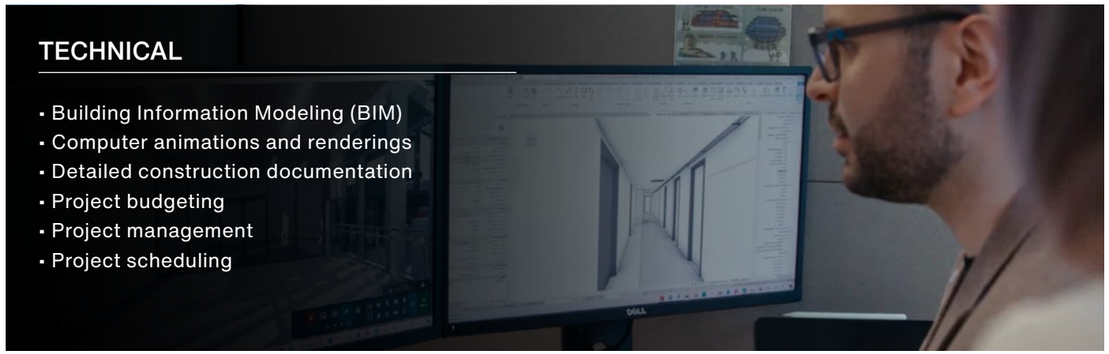
STRATEGY

- Building code consultation
- Building conditions audit
- Energy modeling
- Envision infrastructure
- Sustainability design



CREATIVE

- Accessibility and universal design upgrades
- Building schematic design
- Historical restoration
- Interior design
- Renovation and rehabilitation



TECHNICAL

- Building Information Modeling (BIM)
- Computer animations and renderings
- Detailed construction documentation
- Project budgeting
- Project management
- Project scheduling

A legacy in architectural innovation

FOCUSED ON WHAT MATTERS.

Our approach and policy of open and honest communication builds trust and collaboration, while our flexibility and diversity create a culture in which people share knowledge freely, bringing out the very best in each other.

WE'RE HANDS-ON AND ALL-IN.

We treat your project like it is our own – because we consider clients to be part of our team. Everyone on your project takes ownership, and every project we take on receives a personal touch. Every idea is filtered through our lead designers with input from the entire team, making your project the sum of our best ideas and experiences.

OUR SOLUTIONS ARE PROVEN, AND OUR METHODS TRIED-AND-TRUE.

The architectural process can be complex. By combining our industry and technical knowledge with the experience of our team, we strive to assist our clients by addressing their needs reliably and securely. Whether it's cost control, quality management, or auditing, we bring proven methods, best practices, tools, and accelerators to the table that can provide immediate efficiency and elevated value.

WE DELIVER FOR THE LONG-TERM.

Our approach to sustainable design is science-based and backed by LEED- and Envision-certified specialists. From renewable materials to lifecycle costs, low consumption, climate resilience, and greenhouse gas reductions, we focus on delivering feasible and appealing designs, that can be well-constructed to endure for years to come.

Elsipogtog First Nation Fire Station

DESIGN CONNECTS US.

We deliver architectural solutions that connect people to communities, past to future, human to nature — for impact that lasts generations.

ELSIPOGTOG FIRST NATION COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Client
Foulem Construction

Location
Elsipogtog First Nation, NB

Awards
Award of Merit, Lieutenant Governor's Award of Excellence in Architecture (2022)
Architects' Association of New Brunswick

Power of Collaboration (2022)
Association of Consulting Engineering Companies of New Brunswick

Description
Design-build of a new school and community centre for the Elsipogtog First Nation that celebrates the Mi'kmaq cultural heritage of its local community.

DESERONTO WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Client
Town of Deseronto

Location
Deseronto, ON

Awards
Project of the Year, Historic Restoration / Preservation (2019)
Ontario Public Works Association

Description
Exterior aesthetic upgrades to revitalize an aging building into a much-needed water treatment facility with greater community coherence.

CHERRY STREET STORMWATER FACILITY

Client
Waterfront Toronto

Location
Toronto, ON

Awards
Excellence in Innovation in Civil Engineering Award (2023)
Canadian Society for Civil Engineering

Governor General's Medal in Architecture (2022)
Royal Architectural Institute of Canada

Governmental Leadership in Sustainable Infrastructure Award (2014)
Canadian Society for Civil Engineering

Award of Excellence (2013)
Association of Consulting Engineering Companies of Ontario

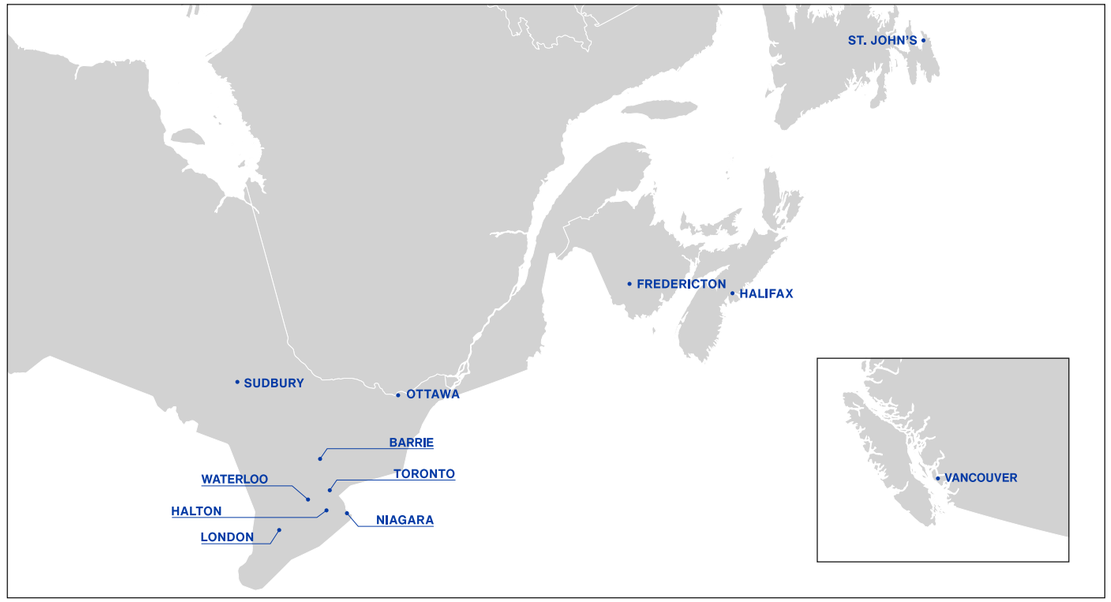
Infrastructure Award (2012)
Ontario Concrete Awards

Award of Excellence (2011)
Canadian Architect

Description
A landmark stormwater facility that defined a new and distinctive precinct in the City of Toronto and its surrounding infrastructure.

UNITED BY PURPOSE.

No matter where your project is located, RVA Architecture can provide integrated architecture and engineering services throughout the entire project cycle.



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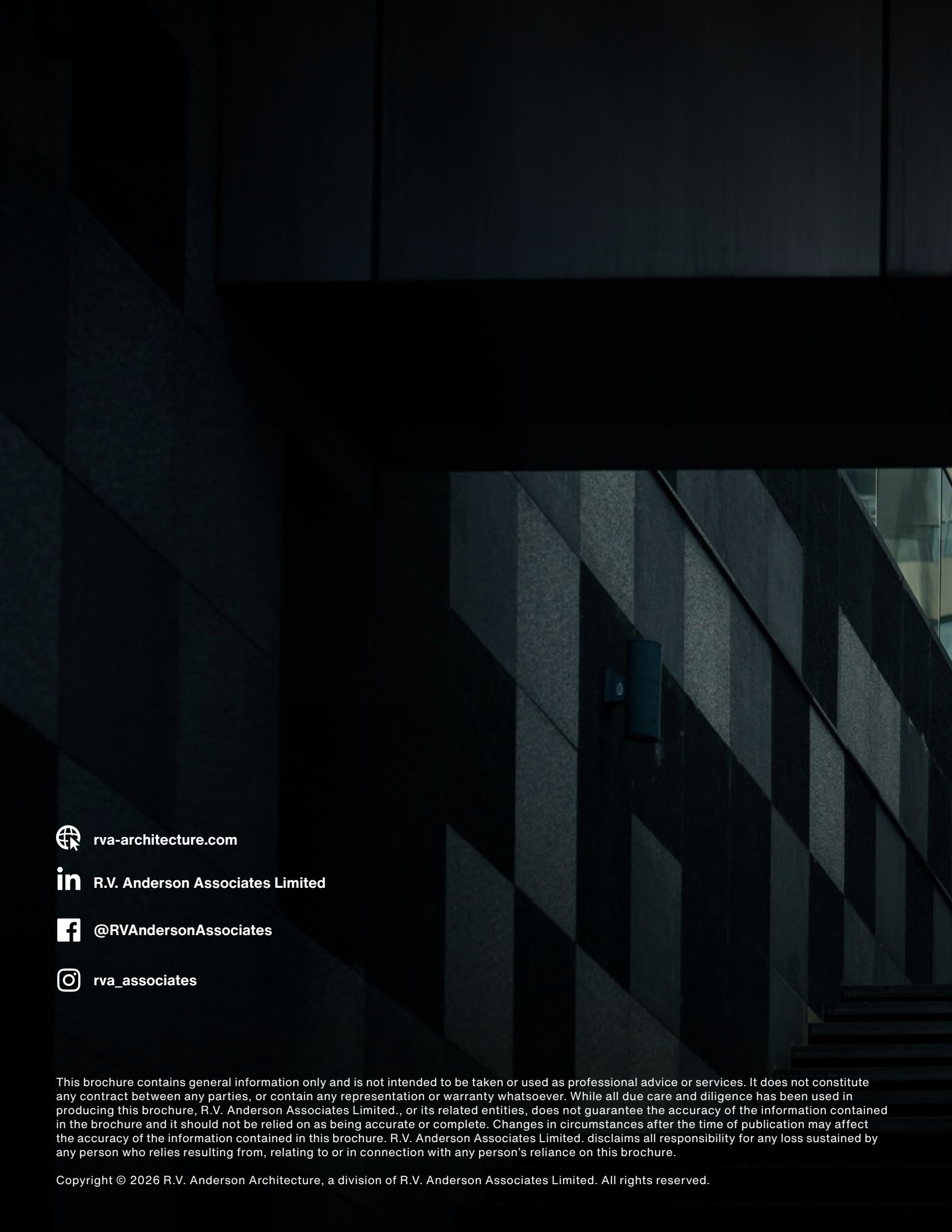
Improvements at Rutherford GO Station:
a Metrolinx project delivered in partnership
with Infrastructure Ontario.



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