

'NEW LOOK' BANK BUILDING TO BE BUILT ON YONGE STREET

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Don't tell Julian Jacobs the new building at Yonge Street and Orchard View Boulevard is only a bank.

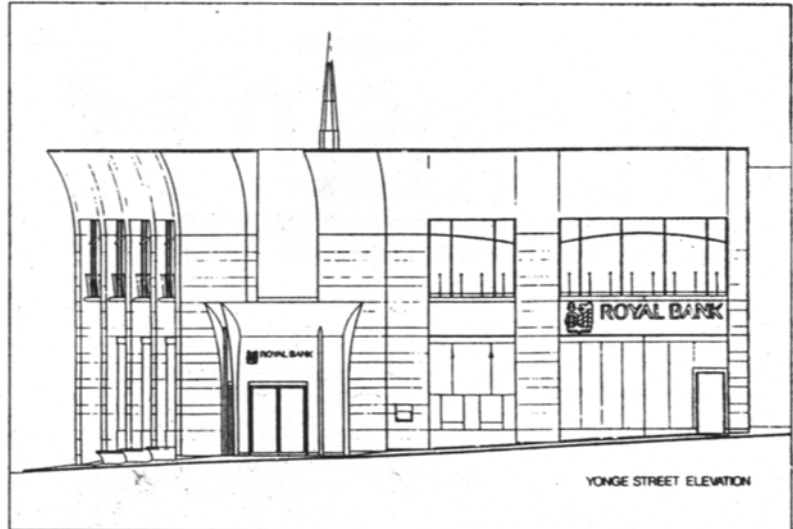
Jacobs, the architect who designed the new Royal Bank branch which is currently being constructed at the North Toronto location thinks a building should be more than something people walk in and out of.

For Jacobs a building should evoke some sort of feeling out of the people who see it everyday. "I want people to feel wonderful when they see the building," said Jacobs who has been an architect for 20 years.

Jacobs' firm was one of several who had worked with Royal Bank in the past invited to submit ideas for the right to design the building.

In February Julian Jacobs Architects, an award-winning Toronto-based firm founded by Jacobs in 1979, was announced as the winner of the competition. The project is expected to be completed in the fall.

The two-storey building will feature many eye-catching designs that Jacobs hopes will make the



▲ DRAWING OF NEW ROYAL BANK BUILDING ON YONGE STREET

structure "a real landmark."

Jacobs who lived on Orchard View from 1984 to 1988 said he is now looking to move back into the area. He is currently searching for a suitable site to — of course — design and build his own house.

While living there, Jacobs even patronized the Sketchley Cleaners, which formerly occupied the site where the bank will be.

Of his creation Jacobs said, "it

doesn't look like anything you've ever seen before."

The structure will feature such things as gently curving upper walls, decorative aluminum gold-coloured rod flowers on the second storey, and along the Orchardview side, seating built into the base of the building.

In the rear of the building, off of Orchard View, will be a parking lot capable of handling 18 to 19 cars.