

Design Feature: **Fire Station and Museum**

The architects renovated and added to a one-storey brick box office building in suburban North York. The program was to create a facility which is both an active fire station and a museum about the local fire service. Combining the two functions in one building creates a rich and vital "living museum." On one side of the front entry, in the 1,000-square foot addition, is the fire truck garage, with a clerestorey and a dynamic curved bowstring truss roof floating above. On the other side of the entrance is the museum proper in the existing building. It has barrel vault skylights, and a tilted glass wall facing the street which provides an energetic counterpoint to the rectangular brick box.

The focus of the front driveway and sculpture court is a flag-pole suspended inside an open, steel-framed tower. The tower is the exact dimensions of the brick tower of North York's first fire station which was dismantled. The pole incidentally refers to the firefighters' traditional pole.

Client: North York Fire Department

Architect team: Julian Jacobs, Gail Weininger, David Stavros, Paul Hammond, Peter Lloyd-Jones

Fire Station No. 19, Museum and Education Centre, North York.

