PCL CELEBRATES CANADA 150

Building Partnerships • Building Communities • Building Canada
At PCL Construction our legacy of building the communities in this great country we call home is a source of pride. Our business looked a lot different when we started out in 1906, more than a century ago. Workers in collared shirts and coveralls wielded hand tools and guided horse-drawn machinery on the first dusty construction sites in Stoughton, Saskatchewan. We could have never imagined that small construction company growing into what it has become today. As Canada has grown over the past 150 years, so too has PCL. From our early brick schools, town halls, and stores to the hospitals, office towers, sports and entertainment arenas, universities, bridges, and industrial projects we’re building today, the one constant is the fulfillment that comes from contributing to the growth and prosperity of our country.

In this commemorative booklet, we’ve collected some of our clients’ most interesting, innovative, and iconic projects from coast to coast. It’s invigorating for us to think that each one has become woven into the fabric of Canada. We feel honoured to have been there along the way, and we look forward to helping our clients and partners continue to build success throughout Canada’s next 150 years.

In 1906 PCL founder Ernie Poole started the company as E.E. Poole General Contractor in Stoughton, Saskatchewan.

This early photo shows the E.E. Poole General Contractor office and workers after the company moved its headquarters to Rouleau, Saskatchewan.

PCL built large sections of the Banff-Jasper Highway in 1962.
Culture and Community

From theatres and concert halls to convention centres and museums, PCL has worked alongside our clients to build, renovate, and reimagine spaces that continue to bring communities together in celebration and appreciation of the arts, our history, and all the people who call Canada home.

Calgary Tower

Calgary, Alberta

Built to honour Canada’s centennial, the Calgary Tower opened to the public in June 1968. In 2005 PCL returned to install a glass viewing platform on the observation deck—offering one of the best views in the city!
Francis Winspear Centre for Music

Edmonton, Alberta

The world-class Winspear Centre was built to evolve with its inhabitants—acoustic panels and overhead acoustic discs can be modified, tilted, and raised to best accommodate the performers and instruments onstage, and curved balconies and terraces maximize sightlines for every visitor.

Canadian War Museum

Ottawa, Ontario

The Canadian War Museum is Canada’s national museum of military heritage, intended to demonstrate how war has shaped Canada, as well as to present the personal, national, and international dimensions of our military history.
Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts

Toronto, Ontario

This stunning traditional four-tiered, European, horseshoe-shaped auditorium is the first building of its kind in Canada—a theatre built specifically for opera and ballet performances.

Vancouver Convention Centre West

Vancouver, British Columbia

The building’s rooftop features a six-acre living roof—the largest in Canada and the largest non-industrial living roof in North America—containing more than 400,000 indigenous plants and grasses.
TELUS Centre for Performance and Learning at The Royal Conservatory of Music

Toronto, Ontario

At the heart of creative education, the superb teaching and performance venue houses a stunning array of learning and performance spaces, including 77 practice and teaching studios, concert halls, a music technology lab, and the restored heritage building, Ihnatowycz Hall.

Canadian Museum for Human Rights

Winnipeg, Manitoba

The CMHR is the first museum dedicated solely to the evolution, celebration, and future of human rights, and is Canada’s first national museum outside Ottawa.
Milton Centre for the Arts & Main Library

Milton, Ontario

The LEED® Silver certified facility houses the main branch of the Milton Public Library; a 500-seat theatre with staging for live performances, film screenings, festivals, cultural events, seminars and lectures; an art gallery; and a grand hall.

Education

PCL collaborates with educational institutions from coast to coast to help them realize their goals of inspiring students and providing them with the best research and academic facilities. Our education partners help shape our physicians, teachers, lawyers, engineers, tradespeople, artists, musicians, and members of all occupations that contribute to Canada’s growth.
University of Alberta Rutherford Library

Edmonton, Alberta

Named after Alberta’s first premier, Alexander Rutherford, the landmark library launched PCL’s longstanding relationship with the U of A. It’s the largest library on campus and the second-largest research library in Canada.

University of Lethbridge

Lethbridge, Alberta

Founded as Canada’s Centennial University, the U of L opened the doors to its new campus in 1972—PCL built the very first building on campus, the iconic University Hall.
University of Saskatchewan College of Agriculture

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

This six-storey, 385,000-square-foot building is more than 25 years old, but remains a significant building in Saskatoon—the current College of Agriculture and Bioresources continues to prepare students for diverse agricultural careers.

La Cité collégiale Ottawa Campus

Ottawa, Ontario

La Cité is the largest French-language college of applied arts and technology in Ontario. The main campus in Ottawa opened in 1995 and features a 250-room residence, a sports complex, a cafeteria, and modern, well-equipped laboratories.
First Nations University of Canada
Regina, Saskatchewan
Designed by world-renowned Indigenous architect Douglas Cardinal, the entire building is covered in 190-million-year-old Tyndall stone from Flin Flon, Manitoba, and if you look closely you can see fossils in it.

Okanagan College’s Jim Pattison Centre of Excellence in Sustainable Building Technologies and Renewable Energy Conservation
Penticton, British Columbia
This LEED® Platinum certified building was constructed with the latest renewable, sustainable, and locally sourced materials and technologies. Features include the extensive use of wood to reflect the locale and BC’s natural resources, and a rooftop with green spaces that incorporate regional flora.
Dalhousie University Life Sciences Research Institute

Halifax, Nova Scotia

One of the most sophisticated LEED® buildings in the Maritimes, the four-storey medical research building is an open-concept collaborative space that will help drive new ideas, discoveries, and inventions in the life sciences.

Edmonton Clinic Health Academy (TEC North)

Edmonton, Alberta

Located on the University of Alberta campus, this teaching, research, and administration facility is a collaborative, interdisciplinary space that will help prepare students for future careers in team-based health care.
University of Lethbridge Destination Project

Lethbridge, Alberta

PCL’s latest U of L project is a science and academic building that will bring together faculty and students from across scientific disciplines and foster the next generation of researchers, innovators, entrepreneurs, and leaders.

Government and Public Buildings

Over the past century, PCL has contributed to some of the country’s most interesting government and public projects, at the local, provincial, and federal level. Much of our work on these projects has involved revitalizing Canada’s heritage buildings, while preserving their historic beauty for future generations.
Edmonton Public Library

Edmonton, Alberta

Shortly after PCL opened its first office in Edmonton in 1922, work began on the company’s first job in the city: building the original downtown public library.

Regina City Hall

Regina, Saskatchewan

Regina’s skyline changed throughout the 1970s as office towers, hotels, and shopping centres were built in the downtown core—including City Hall, which opened in 1977, just one year before Regina’s 75th anniversary.
Legislative Assembly Building

Yellowknife, Northwest Territories

The Legislative Assembly building, which officially opened in 1993, was the first permanent home of the government of the Northwest Territories.

Government of Canada Building

Iqaluit, Nunavut

The Government of Canada Building houses several levels of the federal and territorial governments for Nunavut. Its exterior design features soft curves resembling snow drifts.
Archives of Ontario at York University

Toronto, Ontario

The LEED® Silver certified building and headquarters for the Archives of Ontario houses more than $400 million in archived collections and meets the highest international archival standards.

Communications Security Establishment Canada
Long-Term Accommodation Project

Ottawa, Ontario

This LEED® Gold certified project for Canada’s national cryptologic agency features 1.2 million square feet of program space throughout multiple buildings and functional areas across an 83-acre site.
Regina Dome Conservation Project

Regina, Saskatchewan

The newly restored dome atop the Saskatchewan legislature is a shining example of heritage conservation. The project received a North American Copper in Architecture Award for the outstanding use of copper in restoring the landmark to its original 1912 state.

West Block Rehabilitation

Ottawa, Ontario

West Block, Canada’s oldest Parliament building, houses ministers, members of Parliament, their employees, committee rooms, and an important ceremonial space—the Confederation Room. A unique feature of the restored heritage building will be the enclosure of the courtyard with a glazed roof over the new House of Commons Chamber.
Hospitality and Retail

From the construction, expansion, and historic rehabilitation of luxury hotels to the delivery of premier shopping destinations, PCL has worked with clients to enhance Canada’s hospitality and retail experience.

West Edmonton Mall

Edmonton, Alberta

Beginning in 1980 and spanning 19 years, PCL built the famous shopping and entertainment centre. Formerly the biggest mall in the world, WEM houses more than 800 stores and services, an NHL-sized skating rink, nightclubs, cinemas, food courts, restaurants, a themed hotel, an indoor amusement park, a wave pool, and more.
Barrington Place, Hotel and Retail

Halifax, Nova Scotia

Barrington Place was unique at the time in combining a new retail mall and hotel and integrating them with a historical façade that was restored as a key element of the city-centre waterfront redevelopment.

Pan Pacific Hotel and the World Trade Centre

Vancouver, British Columbia

Located at Canada Place, the luxury waterfront hotel, with the World Trade Centre on four levels, offers stunning views of Vancouver’s skyline, harbour, and Coastal Mountain Range.
Banff Springs Hotel Redevelopment

Banff, Alberta

This major redevelopment of Canada’s “Castle in the Rockies” included exterior stonework, the addition of new restaurants and a revitalized retail area, and the relocation and renovation of the entrance lobby, featuring a grand staircase, Tyndall stone flooring, and of course, plenty of luxury finishes.

Niagara Fallsview Casino Resort

Niagara Falls, Ontario

Built on a cliff overlooking the world-famous Horseshoe Falls, this casino and gaming resort features a luxury hotel, dozens of shops and restaurants, a 1,500-seat theatre, and more than 30,000 square feet of meeting and convention space.
TIFF Bell Lightbox

Toronto, Ontario

Located in the heart of Toronto’s media and entertainment district, the Lightbox is home to the Toronto International Film Festival. The high-tech building covers a full city block and houses five cinemas, a three-storey public atrium, galleries, learning studios, a restaurant, gift shop, and rooftop terrace.

CF Rideau Centre Retail Expansion

Ottawa, Ontario

This retail renovation added more pizazz to the city’s downtown transformation and enhanced Ottawa’s shopping experience. The building’s façade incorporates materials recovered from the former Ogilvy Building, a city heritage site.
Throughout our history PCL has worked on projects for some of Canada’s biggest industries. We’re proud to partner with clients in the petrochemical, oil and gas, pulp and paper, mining, and electrical power industries.

Yonge Eglinton Centre Expansion and Revitalization

Toronto, Ontario

Along with an update to existing buildings, this revitalization project involved building additional retail space inside a new three-storey modern glass and metal structure dubbed “the Cube,” atop which sits a public rooftop terrace and green roof.
**Hinton Pulp Mill**

Hinton, Alberta

The Hinton pulp mill was one of PCL's earliest industrial projects. The contract was awarded to PCL by North Western Pulp and Power Ltd. when North Western was given full responsibility to manage and sustain one million hectares of Alberta forest.

**CIL Polyethylene Plant**

Edmonton, Alberta

This was the first polyethylene plant in Canada—a sizeable job for PCL at the time—and the first major petrochemical plant in Alberta, apart from refineries.
Colomac Gold Mine

Steeves Lake, Northwest Territories

In addition to building a mill capable of crushing, milling, and refining 10,000 tons of ore a day, PCL also built an airstrip and winter road for transportation and provided on-site major trades training for local unskilled labourers.

Hibernia

Bull Arm, Newfoundland

PCL was a construction partner on the topside module of the Hibernia Oil Platform, the first fixed oil drill-and-production platform of its design in the world. Immense in scope, the project employed 1,200 people during the height of construction and took six years to complete.
St. John’s, Newfoundland

PCL was one member of an international team of contractors that designed and built the floating, production storage and offloading vessel, one of the largest of its kind ever built.

Fort McMurray, Alberta

PCL has completed many projects for the energy-sector client, dating back to the early 1980s; this one is the largest. PCL played a significant role in the multiyear Upgrader Expansion, which increased Syncrude’s production to 350,000 barrels of crude oil a day.
From bridges and roadways to airports and light-rail transit, PCL has played a role in some of the most significant public works projects in Canada. We also build a variety of water infrastructure projects, such as water treatment plants, which provide clean water for communities across the country.

Infrastructure and Transportation

ConocoPhillips Canada Surmont 2

Fort McMurray, Alberta

Surmont 2 is the largest single-phase, steam-assisted gravity drainage (SAGD) facility ever built. PCL’s work included construction of a steam generation unit, a tank farm, on-site utilities, and off-site facilities including water treatment, bitumen treatment, and sulforex areas.

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Trans-Canada Highway, Cochrane to Banff

Cochrane, Alberta

In 1935 PCL was awarded a government contract to rebuild a portion of the Trans-Canada Highway, from Cochrane to the entrance of Banff National Park. Work was scarce at the time, and the contract kept the company going through two seasons.

Gardiner Dam

Lake Diefenbaker, Saskatchewan

PCL poured more than one million cubic yards of concrete building the dam’s tunnels, control shafts, and spillways. Gardiner Dam opened in 1967 as part of Canada’s centennial celebrations and is the largest earth-filled dam in Canada.
**Alex Fraser Bridge**

Vancouver, British Columbia

The Alex Fraser Bridge was the longest cable-stayed bridge in the world when it was completed in 1986, and at 930 metres long with a main centre span of 465 metres, it remained the longest bridge in North America for nearly 20 years.

**Anthony Henday Drive**

Edmonton, Alberta

PCL was a lead member of the consortium that constructed the Anthony Henday Drive Southeast Leg Ring Road, Alberta’s first public-private-partnership (P3) highway project.
Toronto Pearson International Airport, New Terminal Development

Mississauga, Ontario

This major airport development project completely replaced an existing terminal with a larger, more efficient facility to accommodate an increasing volume of passengers at Canada’s busiest airport.

Crowfoot LRT Station

Calgary, Alberta

PCL has worked on many transit infrastructure improvement projects for the City of Calgary, including the flagship Crowfoot light-rail train station, which serves several communities in the city’s northwest.
Glacier Skywalk

Jasper National Park, Alberta

The Glacier Skywalk’s glass-floor observation platform offers a breathtaking view of the Canadian Rockies nearly a thousand feet above the Sunwapta Valley.

Saskatoon Air Terminal Building Redevelopment

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

This project helps set the tone for the City of Saskatoon—the airport’s modern, bright, and spacious facility presents visitors with a great first impression of the city.
Our clients are passionate about creating the best spaces to work, and we feel honored to have built some of Canada’s most captivating office towers and professional buildings. Together with our commercial partners, we’ve helped shape the downtown skyline of every major city in Canada.

**Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport Pedestrian Tunnel**

Toronto, Ontario

Previously accessible only by ferry, the pedestrian tunnel connects travelers from mainland Toronto with the island airport via a six-minute journey on moving sidewalks under Lake Ontario.

Office Towers
Bank of Montreal

Vancouver, British Columbia

As the postwar world was rebuilding in the early 1920s, PCL had work all the way to the west coast, including in 1924, the landmark Bank of Montreal building.

Manulife Place

Edmonton, Alberta

The tower reached the maximum height allowed in the city at the time of construction; the building was in the flight path of one of Edmonton’s two airports.
Cathedral Place

Vancouver, British Columbia

Built on the site of the former Georgia Medical-Dental Building, this postmodern beauty stands out among the architectural styles of its neighbours and features a garden courtyard at street level, a freestanding art gallery, and 23 storeys of premium office space.

Brookfield Place (formerly BCE Place)

Toronto, Ontario

The 4.5-million-square-foot tower complex incorporated several historic buildings and encompasses an entire city block in downtown Toronto—the Galleria walkway fulfilled the developer’s requirement to introduce public art into the building.
RBC Centre

Toronto, Ontario

Located in the heart of Toronto’s business district, RBC Centre’s unique design includes a state-of-the-art daylight harvesting system that reduces glare while still allowing the maximum amount of daylight into the building.

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150 Elgin Street Office Complex

Ottawa, Ontario

Built in 1875 for doctor and politician Sir James Grant, the historic Grant House was restored by PCL and incorporated into the new office complex at 150 Elgin Street.

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Calgary City Centre  
Calgary, Alberta
Located in the trendy Eau Claire district, this 36-storey building features two enclosed bridges that link the project to Calgary’s busy elevated pedestrian walkway system. It’s one of the first office towers in Canada to have achieved LEED® Platinum certification.

Deloitte Tower  
Montreal, Quebec
Situated between two Montreal landmarks, the Bell Centre and Windsor Station, Deloitte Tower is the first office tower in the city to have achieved LEED-CS® Platinum certification.
EY Tower

Toronto, Ontario

The 40-storey office building incorporates the reconstituted façade of the former Concourse Building, an Art Deco heritage structure featuring murals and mosaics by Group of Seven artist J. E. H. MacDonald.

Residential

From high-rise luxury condos in the heart of the city to student-residence space and community housing, we’ve had the pleasure of helping our clients find success through their unique visions for living across the country.
Juno Tower Canadian Forces Base Stadacona

Halifax, Nova Scotia

Built to accommodate Department of National Defence members visiting Halifax on training or short-term assignments, the 12-storey Juno Tower was the first LEED® certified project in Nova Scotia.

The Rise

Vancouver, British Columbia

The Rise is a mixed-used residential and retail development that occupies an entire city block. Features include a rooftop garden and community gathering space and a picturesque view of the North Shore Mountains.
Keynote Development

Calgary, Alberta
The upscale, mixed-use development features office and retail space, two residential towers, and an 18,000-square-foot green space on the Plus15 level.

130 Bloor Street West Renovation

Toronto, Ontario
Built along Toronto’s prestigious “Mink Mile,” renovations included adding retail space to the main floor and seven floors of luxury condos atop a 14-storey 1960s office building, while preserving the building’s famous residential penthouse.
Parade 1 and 2 Condos at CityPlace

Toronto, Ontario
This massive project involved the construction of two residential condo towers with a connecting skybridge, and was part of the CityPlace development that added 6,500 condos to the Toronto downtown neighbourhood.

Austin Family Commons

Winnipeg, Manitoba
The affordable housing development is a 19-unit, family apartment building designed with input from the community and built with 10 percent of all labour hours provided by social enterprise employees. The employees gained on-site experience and training in a variety of skilled trades.
Weyburn Hospital

Weyburn, Saskatchewan

Completed in 1921 at a cost of $3 million, Weyburn Hospital was PCL founder Emie Poole’s first major project. The facility operated for 50 years as a psychiatric hospital and stood until 2009.

Science and Health Care

PCL has worked with numerous innovative partners on research, hospital, and health-care facilities that continue to evolve and grow to meet the needs of Canadian patients and their families.
Walter C. Mackenzie Health Sciences Centre

Edmonton, Alberta

The leading-edge health-care complex at the University of Alberta is named in honour of the surgeon, medical visionary, and former U of A dean of medicine, who fostered the concept of modern academic health centres to enhance education, research, and patient care.

Whitehorse General Hospital

Whitehorse, Yukon

In the 1990s PCL completed a new building and renovation for Whitehorse General Hospital. PCL is currently working on a 43,000-square-foot expansion project for the hospital that will include a new emergency department.
Abbotsford, British Columbia

This was the first public-private-partnership (P3) hospital built in British Columbia, and the first LEED® Gold certified hospital in Canada.

Bridgepoint Active Healthcare

Toronto, ON

The complex, inner-city development features a new state-of-the-art acute-care facility and the restoration and redevelopment of Toronto’s historic Don Jail into a modern hospital administration and education space.
Humber River Hospital

Toronto, Ontario

One of Canada’s largest regional acute-care hospitals, Humber River is also North America’s first fully digital hospital.

Sports and Entertainment

PCL’s clients put on one heck of a show for the people of Canada. Our partners’ fan-tastic, state-of-the-art, sports and entertainment venues host world-class athletics, popular league sporting events, and the biggest acts in the music industry.
Bell MTS Place (formerly MTS Centre)

Winnipeg, Manitoba

Standing on the site of the former Eaton’s department store, the major music and entertainment venue is home to the National Hockey League’s Winnipeg Jets and the Jets’ American Hockey League affiliate, the Manitoba Moose.

BC Place Revitalization

Vancouver, British Columbia

The largest sports, exhibition, and entertainment venue of its type in British Columbia, the all-new BC Place reopened in September 2011 after a major revitalization that included installation of the largest cable-supported retractable roof of its kind in the world.
Toronto Pan Am Sports Centre

Toronto, Ontario

Co-owned by the University of Toronto Scarborough and the City of Toronto in a unique partnership, the Toronto Pan Am Sports Centre features two Olympic-sized swimming pools and represents the largest investment in Canadian amateur sports history.

Mosaic Stadium

Regina, Saskatchewan

The new home of the Canadian Football League’s Saskatchewan Roughriders has expandable seating to accommodate 40,000 and is the first landmark project of the City of Regina’s major revitalization initiative.
Rogers Place

Edmonton, Alberta

PCL transformed an old rail-yard-turned-parking-lot into the jewel of downtown Edmonton—Rogers Place. The city’s premier concert venue is the new home to the National Hockey League’s Edmonton Oilers and Western Hockey League’s Edmonton Oil Kings.

BMO Field Expansion

Toronto, Ontario

Home to Major League Soccer team Toronto FC, and the new home of the Canadian Football League Toronto Argonauts, Canada’s first soccer-specific stadium has been updated and transformed into a world-class sports and entertainment venue with capacity for more than 30,000 fans.