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Kenneth C. Rowe Management Building

Address: 6100 University Av.

Start Date: May 2004

Completion Date:
August 2005

Architect: Shore, Tilbe, Irwin &
Partners; J. K. Dobbs & Associates

Renovation
Date(s):

Contractor: Herve Pomerleau Inc.

Building History

The Kenneth C. Rowe Management Building, which opened in September 2005, united the four schools in the Faculty of Management in one building in a spacious, modern building of Sustainable Design. Beginning in December 2002, Toronto architects Shore, Tilbe, Irwin & Partners collaborated with J. K. Dobbs & Associates of Halifax to design a building twenty-five percent more efficient than usual. The building was to be built smart, to save energy and be comfortable for its occupants. "Fenestration," or strategic design and placement of windows, was used to maximize natural light, and will save up to fifty percent in lighting costs. The materials used were appropriate for efficient construction, conservation and even demolition, and reflected both the history and innovation of Halifax architecture. Environmental, health and resource conservation were paramount considerations.

The Rowe Management Building was built on the site of Henson College, a complex of houses that had housed the Institute of Public Affairs since 1980. It is named for the founder and CEO of IMP Group International, a longtime supporter of Dalhousie and the Faculty of Management. Construction of the 119,000 square foot building began in May 2004 and was completed by the fall of 2005. Herve Pomerleau Inc. was the general contractor.

The Rowe Management Building cost \$25 million, a sum which was raised, a sum which was raised from over 500 donors through a three-and-a-half year campaign called Management Without Borders. This was one of Dalhousie's most successful fundraising campaigns ever, with significant contribution from the Management faculty and staff and \$500,000 from the Royal Bank of Canada (RBC). Notable names (in addition to Ken Rowe) who worked on this campaign included John Risley and Harrison McCain, family names which adorn other Dalhousie buildings.

The building houses 1500 undergraduate and graduate students, as well as faculty and staff in the Schools of Public Administration, Information Management (formerly Library and Information Studies), Business Administration and Resource and Environmental Studies. There are 400- and 120-seat auditoriums, small lecture rooms and case style rooms,

computer labs and office space. The RBC Risk Management Centre is also in the building.

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