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The Passport Office's New Home



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Your move to the new Passport Office at 70 Crémazie means an exciting fresh start in an entirely new work environment. You are among the first employees in the federal public service to enjoy the benefits of an office designed to put people's needs first. It's an innovative design that's cost-efficient – and environmentally friendly, too.

People-Centred Design

70 Crémazie is an investment in what the Passport Office considers its top resource – you. You were hired for your knowledge, talent and skills, to provide Canadians with internationally respected, secure passports. Your contribution is valued, and your health, well-being and security are top priorities with the Passport Office.

Your new working environment is based on what you've told us about how you work, and what you need to do that work. Sometimes, it's solitude you need, to focus intensely on what you're doing; other times, it's the creativity that comes from brainstorming with others. The layout of your workspace is key to ensuring comfort, which is why we asked you to choose one of seven designs for your workstation's layout.



Workstations, Quiet Rooms and Teaming Rooms

The 8.4-square-metre, open-concept workspace you currently work in has been reduced by 10% to 7.5 square metres, but we haven't reclaimed that space. We've given it back to you – as Quiet Rooms and Teaming Rooms.

These special rooms are designed with brain and body

in mind. Because they're used for a variety of purposes, they're cost-efficient, too. Quiet Rooms serve as hotelling suites for visiting colleagues. They also offer a place where you can concentrate on a difficult task, make a confidential phone call, or have a private conversation with a colleague.



Let the Sun Shine In

Teaming Rooms are bigger, providing space for group work, retreats, training areas and large meeting rooms.

The raised floors are equipped with electrical and data plugs. Tables and comfortable, overstuffed chairs are mobile and laptop-ready, designed with an eye to future ways of working that require a more dynamic, flexible space. Privacy screens and an abundance of movable plants can be used to help you create smaller, more intimate meeting spaces, or a quiet place where you can "think outside the box."

Everyone can benefit from more sunlight, and so, Teaming Rooms are located on the perimeter of the building, with lots of natural light and the best views of the neighbourhood. The mood-lifting "visual breaks" these rooms afford will help stimulate creativity, increase your concentration, and decrease tension.

Most of the workspace at 70 Crémazie is open-space design, without walls that block natural light. Offices requiring an enclosed space are located in the central core of the building, away from windows. Individual climate controls for each floor mean better control of the office environment – and substantial energy savings!

These new workstations, Teaming Rooms and Quiet Rooms, as well as the enclosed offices at the core, have been designed for maximum flexibility. A common-sense approach to designing on a standard grid, using 91-centimetre panels, means walls, electrical plugs and lights can be easily moved. When an area needs to be reconfigured, no drywall dust will fly. Office moves can be done more quickly and less expensively.





Food Service Areas

Your workday requires fuel – coffee, tea, snacks and lunch. On each floor of the building, you'll find a kitchen equipped with refrigerators and microwave ovens. For coffee lovers, or if you want a lunchtime treat, there is an A.L. Van Houtte coffee shop and deli located on the ground floor of the building.



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Security

A new, rigorous and state-of-the-art security system has been installed to meet the high standards we've established at the Passport Office to protect critical information, assets and staff. A computer-controlled, turnstile-proximity card reader at the ground floor reception point gives you quick and unobstructed access to your workspace. Touch the turnstile reader with your card, and walk through when the green indicator light appears.

Critical and secure areas at our new premises will be monitored by Closed Circuit Television Equipment (CCTE). The main command centre for all life-safety and security systems is located on the ground floor. In addition to monitoring designated security points, the command centre staff will provide emergency first response to threats that could endanger the building's occupants.

Getting There

Your route to work, whether by bike, bus, or car, will change. La Société de transport de l'Outaouais (STO) buses stop just a few minutes walk from the front door of 70 Crémazie.

If you travel from Ottawa, your OC Transpo bus pass is accepted by the STO bus drivers, so it's just a matter of finding your transfer point, then hopping onto an STO (blue-and-white) bus. Transfer points between OC Transpo buses and STO buses are outlined in the accompanying bus information.



Recreation and Green Commuting

Your new office building is equipped with a 100-space bicycle lockup, as well as showers and change rooms for two-wheeled commuters and lunchtime joggers. For fitness enthusiasts, this location is perfect. Bike paths along the Ottawa River bring you to within minutes of 70 Crémazie, and wooden, wheelchair-accessible promenades curve between water and park areas near the small, picturesque island that houses Théâtre de l'Île.



Looking for a health club close to the office? You're just steps away from one of the most exciting renewal projects in Gatineau. A multi-million-dollar re-adaptation is underway, transforming an old industrial building into a new sports complex, which will offer state-of-the-art fitness facilities, even indoor soccer fields! And if you'd like to go a bit further afield, Gatineau Park is just 15 minutes from your office door.

The Neighbourhood

The neighbourhood surrounding 70 Crémazie is a thriving commercial area in the Hull sector of Gatineau. There are dozens of restaurants and bistros, banks, beauty salons, and shops, just a few minutes walk from your new office. You're sure to find what you need on this stretch of boulevard St.-Joseph or on rue Montcalm.

Your security, comfort and well-being have been the priority in the planning and building of your new office environment. The members of the design team wish you all the best, as you make yourself comfortable in your new space at 70 Crémazie. **See you there!**

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