

DFAIT in Ottawa-Gatineau

Everyone thinks of DFAIT Headquarters as being our two major office complexes on Sussex Drive in Ottawa—the Lester B. Pearson Building and its neighbour, 111 Sussex Drive or Old Ottawa City Hall. Together, these buildings accommodate about 3,500 staff, while some 1,000 of our colleagues work in seven other locations around Ottawa and Gatineau.

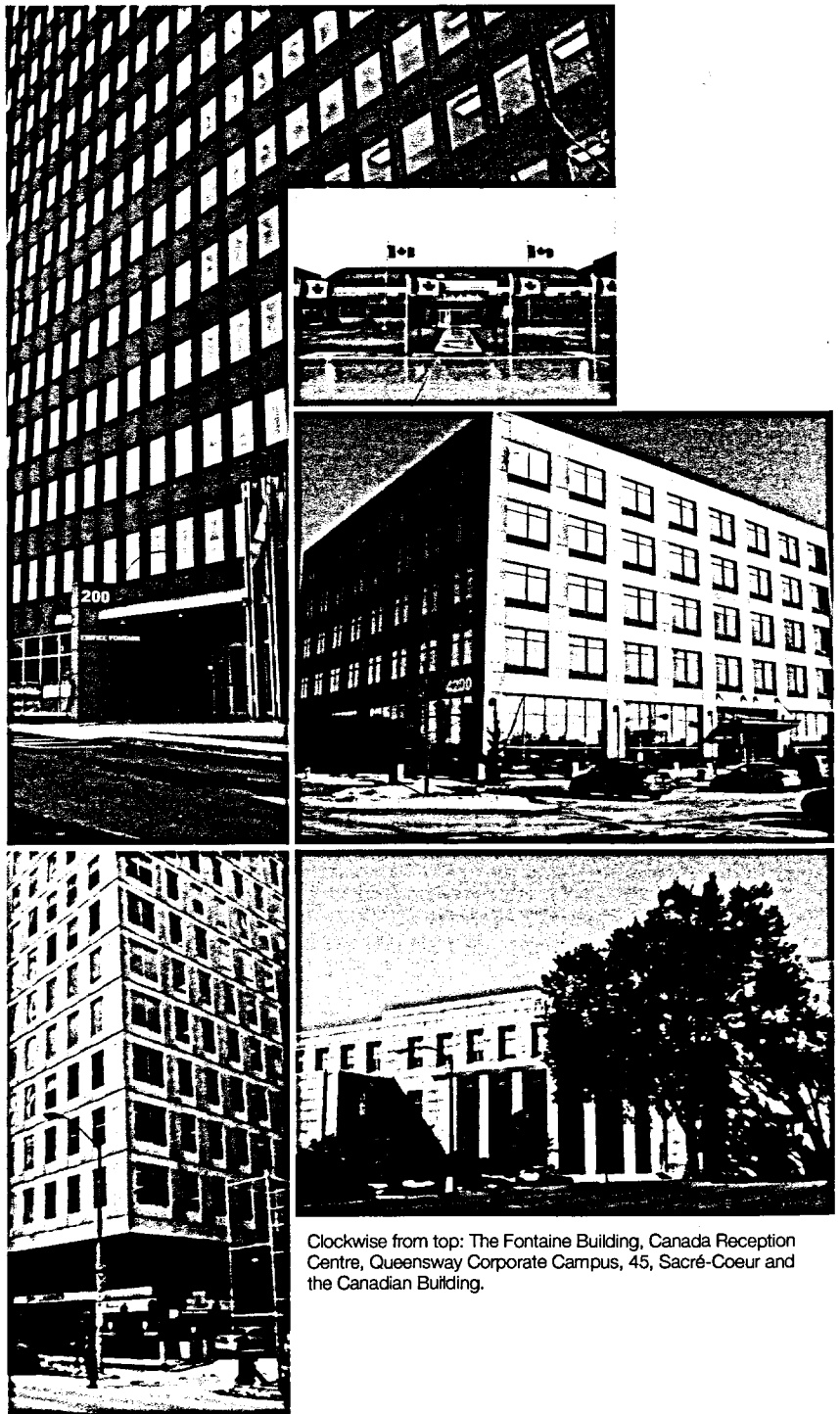
In Ottawa's Centretown, staff of the Physical Resources Bureau (ARD) work in the **Canadian Building** on Laurier Avenue. The Office of Prevention and Conflict Resolution (DRC) is found in **Barrister House** on Elgin Street. In the east end of the city, divisions from the Information and Technology Bureau (AID) work at the **Queensway Corporate Campus** on Labelle Street.

The most unusual of our sites in Ottawa is known as "Hangar 11." Located at the Macdonald-Cartier International Airport, its formal name is the **Canada Reception Centre** and it is managed by the Office of Protocol (XDD). It is the first and last place in Ottawa that high-level international visitors to Canada, as well as Canadian officials such as the prime minister and governor general, see as they arrive and depart.

In Gatineau, many staff have spent time in the classrooms of the **Bisson Centre** on the border of Gatineau Park. Built as a public school, it is home to many parts of the Canadian Foreign Service Institute (CFSI).

DFAIT also occupies space in two buildings on Gatineau's Boulevard Sacré-Coeur. 45, Sacré-Coeur, originally the National Printing Bureau, was designed in 1949 by Montreal architect Ernest Cormier, whose work also includes the Supreme Court of Canada. More staff of both ARD and AID work there. The **Fontaine Building**, the newest addition to the Headquarters portfolio, is diagonally across the Ottawa River from the Pearson Building. Built in the early 1970s, it has recently been renovated to a high environmental level, the equivalent of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design silver standard. Elements of the Corporate Services Bureau (SPD), Corporate Finance (SMD) and CFSI moved there earlier this year.

The Accommodation and Domestic Security Bureau (HAD) is responsible for acquiring the space required to accommodate staff in Ottawa through Public Works and Government Services Canada. The Bureau manages and maintains facilities as well as renovating, refitting and refreshing spaces and different aspects of physical security.



Clockwise from top: The Fontaine Building, Canada Reception Centre, Queensway Corporate Campus, 45, Sacré-Coeur and the Canadian Building.