

THE BIG REVEAL: Tomlinson's New Office

The name and exact details of the design of the new Tomlinson office is a well kept secret. It's with great anticipation that many are waiting for the #bigreveal. Tomlinson has been expanding with rapid growth over the years and needs to consolidate its various office operations under one roof.

What is known is the location. Covering 170 acres, CitiGate is the site location and will be a unique and distinctive business park located at the intersection of Highway 416 and Strandherd Drive – an important “gateway” location in the City of Ottawa. With both public and private spaces, CitiGate will offer a mix of retail and corporate but will adhere to design approaches that incorporate a wide network of greenways, distinctive pathways and elegant use of natural and authentic materials with a high regard for environmental respect and responsibility.

The competitive process to select an architectural firm for the design has closed, with Christopher Simmonds Architect Inc. being awarded the prestigious contract. The creation of the new building is a unique opportunity to communicate the Company's core values and to bring to life a sustainable design that will reflect Tomlinson leadership in various services and products from quarry, infrastructure, roads, bridges, construction and environmental industries. Tomlinson's dedication to environmental responsibility and commitment to



ethical business practices will be reflected in the design of the building and site. Inspiration will be drawn from the local limestone outcrops, woodlands, fencerows and the rural setting. The design has been imagined as a restored and renaturalized landscape within which the building has been nestled and over which it bridges. Those close to the project have let slip that the arrival to the building will have a huge wow factor that will demonstrate the strength of stone and earth on which Tomlinson services and products are based. There is no doubt the new Tomlinson head

office will add to the current list of unique and distinctive landmarks in the region.

One aspect that is clear is the design will incorporate an important theme associated with Tomlinson – a sense of building community. Tomlinson wants the development of the site and building to reflect a strong community of members who share an integrated working relationship. Predicated on Tomlinson's core values which include values such as: excellence, people and teamwork - many of the features of the design will promote increased communication and an alignment of different parts into a sense of a larger community working towards a common goal. In this case it's Tomlinson's vision to become the strongest infrastructure and environmental services organization in Eastern Canada.

With the grand opening proposed for sometime in 2017, more details will be revealed once construction begins.

