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# THOMAS WRIGHT BUILDING

*Perth, Ontario, Canada*

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*Solutions  
with a  
Focus on  
Cultural  
& Natural  
Heritage*

In the early 1990s, the Wright-Thomas building, a small nineteenth-century stone structure on the main street of Perth, Ontario, was abandoned and on the verge of collapse. It is now a vibrant 7,000 square foot mixed use, with retail on the ground floor. It is marketed as one of the most attractive historic structures in Perth.

The condition of the existing structure determined that very little could be retained and that which was could not be relied on to carry any of the structural loads. The mandate of the project, however, was to restore and enlarge the structure so that while becoming more economically feasible as an entity it would also continue to contribute to the historic commercial fabric of this small Ontario Town.

The challenge of the project was to create a final product that respected the scale of the setting and read like a restoration, even though the resultant structure was almost three times the size of the original building and with the exception of the stone of two historic facades, was entirely new construction.



*Thomas Wright Building, restored*



*Colbourn Street Facade*



*Thomas Wright Building, after demolition*



*Gore Street Facade*