

# SUBMISSIONS | PUBLIC BUILDINGS IN CONTEXT

## Project Title

Father John Redmond Catholic Secondary School & Regional Arts Centre

## Address/Site

The Lakeshore Grounds,  
28 Colonel Samuel Smith Park Drive

## Project Team

Architects: ZAS Architects Inc. / MJM Architects


Landscape: The MBTW Group

## Owner/Client

Toronto Catholic District School Board



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The Lakeshore Grounds in south Etobicoke is one of the City's most unique and historically fascinating precincts that includes an overlooked gem in the form of Colonel Samuel Smith Park. After decades of controversial, private sector re-development proposals, this park and campus has systematically undergone an extensive transformation that includes the adaptive re-use of the former Lakeshore Psychiatric Hospital heritage buildings for new cultural, educational and recreational public uses by Humber College and the City of Toronto. It is within this context that a new secondary school and community complex has been developed, all within the framework of site specific Urban Design Guidelines. These guidelines prescribed desired pedestrian connections, view corridors across the park to Lake Ontario, building scale, and heights that profoundly affected the overall urban design approach and concept. Recognizing the sensitivity of any new development within the Park, the overall ambition has been to respect the existing campus character of the site and advocate a master plan approach that balances the heritage/park space needs of the local community with those of a new school.

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