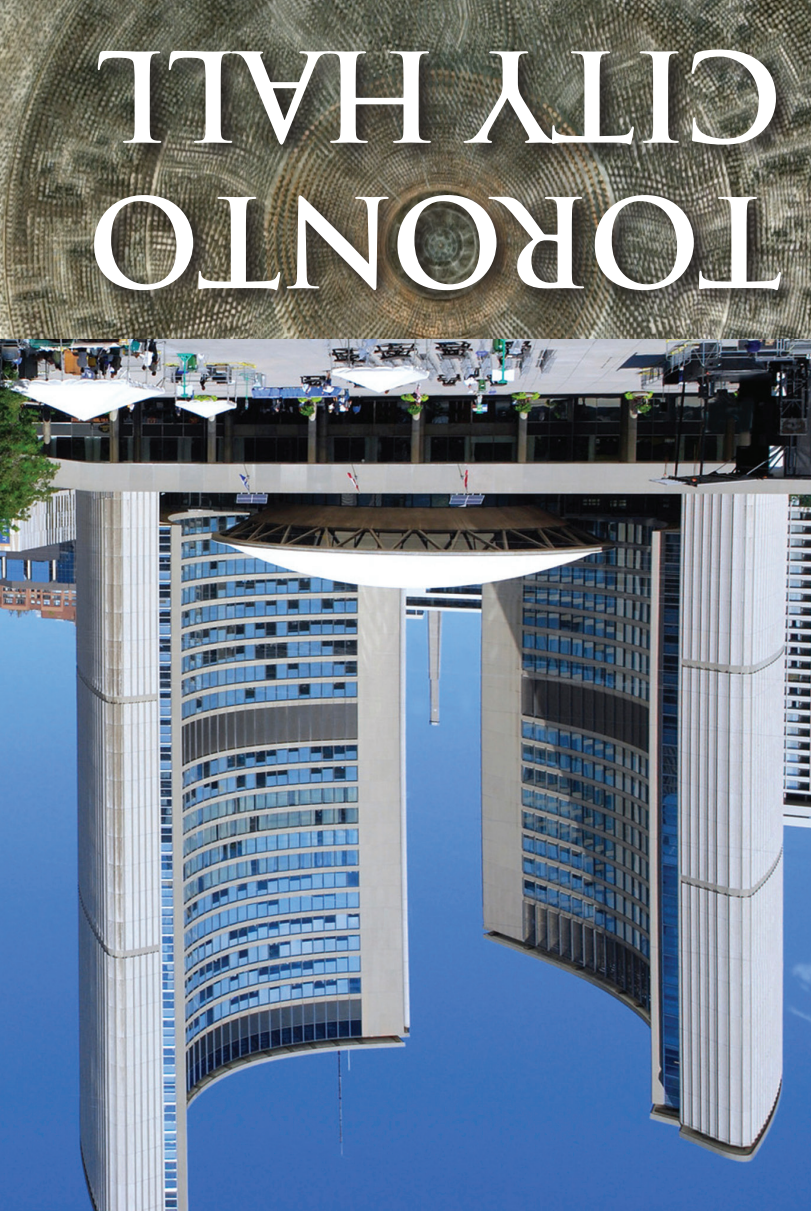


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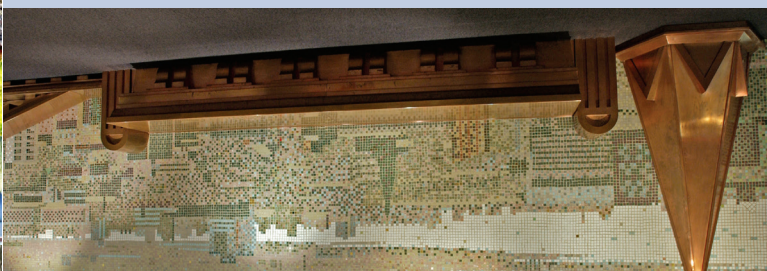
SELF-GUIDED TOUR



FIRST FLOOR FEATURES

- 1) Commemorative Column to Viljo Revell
- 2) The Scale Model
- 3) The Wall of Nails
- 4) Central Column
- 5) Hall of Memory and Time Capsule

MOSAIC DISPLAY



PORTRAITS OF TORONTO'S MAYORS



INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

Toronto City Hall is the seat of Toronto's municipal government and is internationally recognized as an architectural masterpiece. Since its opening in 1965, City Hall has been one of Toronto's most famous landmarks.

REVELL

Viljo Revell (1910 - 1964), did not live to see the opening of this impressive and uniquely designed building. Born in 1910 at Vaasa, a town on the west coast of Finland, he studied architecture at the Institute of Technology in Helsinki and opened his practice there in 1935. Revell was considered to be the leader of the modern nationalist school that developed in Finland after the Second World War.

COAT OF ARMS



MAYOR'S OFFICE AND THE CHAIN OF OFFICE



WALL OF NAILS

The nail mural on the east wall by David Partridge (1919 - 2006), is called Metropolis and is a symbolic interpretation of a great city or metropolis. Created from 100,000 nails, it weighs over 1½ tonnes. The circle of massed copper nails in the centre symbolizes the downtown core of the city.



NORVAL MORRISSEAU ARTWORK

Norval Morriseau was one of Canada's most famous and accomplished First Nations artists. He was a self-taught artist who debuted on the art scene in 1962. *Ancestral Figure with Spirit Helpers* features bold designs outlined in thick black lines filled with dense, striking colours. He was presented with the Order of Canada in 1978.

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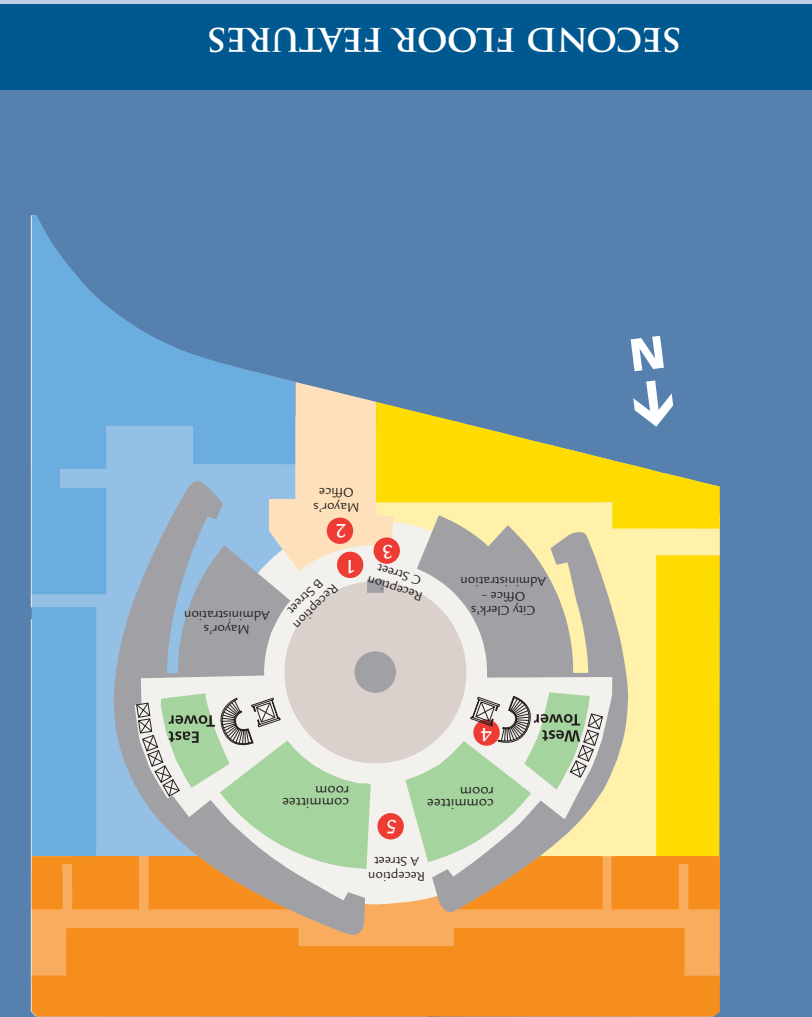
CENTRAL COLUMN

The massive, rounded structure overhead is the base of the council chamber. The structure weighs 4,000 tonnes. It is supported solely by the reinforced concrete column, which measures six metres across with walls one metre thick. Its hollow core contains electrical cables and heating and air-conditioning equipment that service the Council Chamber above. The column is anchored 16 metres in the bedrock beneath the building's foundation.

HALL OF MEMORY AND TIME CAPSULE

The cylinder (capped with a metal plate) contains a time capsule, which was installed on November 7, 1962. The capsule's contents include coins, municipal handbooks, reproductions of newspapers, and more. No opening date was designated.

SECOND FLOOR FEATURES



NATHAN PHILLIPS SQUARE

The square was named after former Mayor Nathan Phillips, who served on council for 36 years, eight of them as mayor. The square is a popular site for free entertainment, concerts, festivals and exhibitions, as well as a gathering place for citizens. Major features include Henry Moore's Archer sculpture and the reflecting pool/skating rink. Beneath the square is one of the world's largest underground parking garages, with space for 2,400 cars.

PODIUM GREEN ROOF

The Toronto City Hall Podium Green Roof was opened as a public roof garden in 2010. Approximately 3,250 m² (35,000 square feet) of concrete has been transformed into living vegetation to reduce the building's environmental impact and for residents and visitors to enjoy. Landscaped gardens, courtyards, furniture and walkways provide unique views of downtown Toronto from this urban oasis in the heart of the city.



THE COUNCIL CHAMBER



Council generally meets monthly in the Chamber. Meetings usually last for three days.

The chamber is 46 metres wide and 12 metres at its highest point. The ceiling, which weighs over 2000 tonnes, was made by pouring concrete into a single plywood mould. It took 40 days for the concrete to dry. To absorb sound, the Council Chamber is carpeted and the ceiling is sprayed with a carpet fibre.

1 Speaker – The Speaker is a councillor who chairs the council meetings. The Speaker and a deputy are elected by council for the entire four-year term of council. They are responsible for keeping order and ensuring the rules are followed, ensuring that all members who wish to speak on a motion have spoken and putting all motions to a vote and announcing the results.

2 Mayor – The mayor is elected by all eligible voters in the city and represents the city and council at official functions. The mayor is the chief executive officer of the city and head of the council, and presides over council meetings when the Speaker or deputy Speaker are not doing so. Council can delegate powers to the mayor to appoint and remove the deputy mayor and the Chairs of Standing Committees.

3 Councillors – The councillors each represent one of 44 wards, and are elected by eligible voters within those wards. Councillors and the mayor are expected to attend and participate in scheduled meetings, vote on motions put to a vote, and respect and follow council's decisions.

4 City Clerk – The city clerk is a member of staff who manages the meetings. The clerk prepares, publishes, and distributes the agenda for each meeting, provides procedural advice to members on agenda business and on preparing motions, advises on procedure and council rules, and takes minutes and keeps a record of all proceedings, including votes.

5 City Staff – City of Toronto staff sit in the seats on either side of the Speaker. To the right of the Speaker sits the city manager, the chief financial officer, the city solicitor and the deputy city managers. To the left of the Speaker sit senior members of staff, usually division heads. Staff provide council with advice, technical information and answer any questions.

6 Public Podium – The podium is used by councillors, members of staff and others to make presentations to councillors.

7 Public Gallery – Council meetings take place in public. The public seating gallery can accommodate as many as 250 people at any given time.

8 Press Gallery – This area behind the public gallery is reserved for the press.

9 TV cameras – Four cameras record council meetings which are broadcast on Rogers CableTV.

10 The Members' Lounge – Located behind the 'floating wall,' the Members' Lounge is an area used as a venue for official receptions.