

## STOP 7 – THE BIG WINDOW

From the exterior of City Hall, it is hard to tell that it's built around a courtyard. Even though electricity was produced and used within the building, it was still relatively new. The large windows facing out onto the courtyard allowed light to penetrate into the building. In 1899, the courtyard was designed to be repurposed as a parking lot.

Just in case it got too sunny, window shades were purchased for the building from Eaton's Queen Street store, just down the street, for \$945. The wrought iron work of the stairway was particularly interesting. The iron staircases and cast iron floors in the vaults of the City Clerk's Department cost \$485.

The east and west ground floor entrances were originally described as: "Handsome staircases" with marble treads and landings, wrought iron grill balustrading and nickel plated hand rails.