



Vancouver, BC:

As part of the UBC Administrative Master Plan review conducted in 1992-'93, it was determined that the 65,000 sq. ft., 3 storey plus basement GSAB Building was significantly underutilized for administrative office functions. UBC's Campus Planning & Development Office retained The Colborne Architectural Group Pacific to review the potential for shifting various University administrative work groups to and from the building, thus freeing up administrative space in alternate locations.

A feasibility report was prepared with space plans and costs indicated for relocating the Faculty of Graduate Studies Offices and re-organization of the UBC Finance and Human Resources Departments currently within the building. By achieving planning efficiencies space was freed up to accommodate new user groups such as the UBC Purchasing Office. In addition, a range of Building Code deficiencies were identified in the c.1965 building including the fact that it is seismically 'high risk'. It was recommended that these issues be part of the future re-development of the building using a construction phasing strategy.

Subsequently, our office was retained to carry out design and oversee construction for 6,000 sq. ft. of new main floor office for Purchasing, 1,800 sq. ft. for 'Limited Time Only' hiring offices, re-organization of Finance's public reception areas and detailed planning for 22,000 sq. ft. of administrative offices and training space for Human Resources.