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Alex McMullen, Vice-President and Geoff Grist, President and Chief Executive Officer, Brook Restoration

Ontario's leading name in restoration gains ground in Ottawa occupancy

You are only as good as the team around you.

It's a lesson Geoff Grist learned on the rugby pitch as a semi-professional player. He's taken it to heart over the past 15 years to build Brook Restoration into one of the largest and most trusted restoration companies serving Ontario.

The award-winning Brook team includes more than 300 skilled craftsmen, dedicated labourers and strategic managers available to provide service anywhere in Ontario from its offices in Toronto and Ottawa.

"They are a mix of what we call 'restoration mechanics,'" Grist said. "I've worked with many of them since I started in the restoration industry 25 years ago. There's also a lot of young people on our team, which makes it exciting for the future."

It's a team that has the know-how and the equipment to confidently handle any number of high and low-rise building restoration projects, on commercial, institutional and residential/condominium properties. Brook will take on everything from small-scale projects, to complex multiyear engagements that are worth millions of dollars.

When it comes to building restoration, the scope of a project can change quickly as old buildings give up secrets hidden to the casual eye. Precise planning and coordination must be exercised to complete any project on schedule. With every project, Brook employs its own proven methodology to ensure proper organization, management and use of resources, to ensure a quality result and a satisfied client.

Setting the standard for safety

Safety is paramount. Unlike new developments, where the construction site is blocked from public access, restoration jobs typically involve properties that are occupied.

"Health and safety is a top priority for us, to protect our workers, the public and our clients from risk of liability," said Alex McMullen, Vice-President. "We take pride in the levels we maintain. Working a job site while the building maintains occupancy and operation is one of our strong points and where we excel."

All workers employed by Brook are required to attend and pass a minimum of six courses offered by its own industry-certified training school prior to stepping foot on a worksite. Brook uses tablets on the jobsite to provide up-to-the-minute updates on site conditions, and all foremen are required to submit multiple daily documents over and above the standards required by law. Brook also employs an independent safety consultant to ensure conformity, not only with industry safety requirements, but also with its own stringent guidelines.

Putting fresh faces on Ottawa

With the Radisson Hotel on Queen Street, Brook was called in to replace large areas of exterior brickwork and stucco (20,000 bricks in all). It also carried out extensive retrofit and replacement work for window exterior insulation finishing systems, and window and curtain walls. The hotel was able to maintain almost 100 per cent occupancy throughout the project.

At 1240 and 1244 Donald Street, public safety was already at risk due to loose concrete on

apartment balconies. Brook carried out extensive concrete rehabilitation and replacement for the property's parking garage and balconies. It also replaced and painted the balcony railings, which greatly improved the properties' curb appeal.

For the Holiday Inn on Cooper Street, Brook took on a major parking garage rehabilitation. This included roof slab replacement, new entrance and exit ramps, asphalt and overburden replacement, electrical repairs, mechanical restoration and a new fire extinction system.

Find out more.

To discuss your project needs, visit www.brookrestoration.ca and call 613-248-8887.