

Port of Windsor Maritime Museum

Windsor, Ontario, Canada

Passa Architects were commissioned to plan the Maritime Museum for the Port Authority of Windsor for an adjacent well treed park next to their offices in historic Sandwich Town. Research and discussions with staff and concerned community members lead to the creation of a series of walkways for displays and spaces made of natural materials providing a maritime theme throughout the park. Tents created sail for protection of gathering spaces, large timbers line the walkways as piers, imaginary boats, forts and water aspects were evolved to heighten the historic appeal with the creation of the Celebration Ship providing the centerpiece in a public space enlarging the sidewalk entrance from the street. The Celebration Ship is made of the bones of a ship leaning out into the street directing the vision as well as patrons into the site. Displays and maritime artifacts are intended to make visitors aware of the rich history on this Great Lake portion of the St. Lawrence Seaway.

