

Pan Am Aquatic Parkette

Toronto, Ontario



Developed in partnership with the City of Toronto and Exhibition Place, Pan Am Aquatic Parkette is the centerpiece of the regeneration of Centennial Park and provides exemplary flexible space for the community. The parkette offers a variety of opportunities, such as a splash and play zone for children, and the flexibility to accommodate various seasonal uses such as farmers markets and small concert groups - using the 16 meter sinus bench frame on the periphery of the site.

Borrowing its title from Pan Am games, held in Toronto in summer 2015, the parkette design pays homage to the motif of the competition and to the 36 Pan Am and 15 Parapan Am sports played at the games.

Major elements of the design include programmed water play areas designed to stimulate all of the senses, and also to promote cross-generational interaction. The Pan Am bronze sculpture showcases the 36 Pan Am and 15 Parapan Am sports through perforated text on its surface. In daylight, the texts can be read directly from the 1.2-by-2.5-meter cylinder or from the surface of the adjacent paving upon which the sun will project the texts. At night, an interior light projects the texts over a wide area of the paving and architectural surfaces. The soft grass and lavender-covered skirt with flowering trees around the project gives a sense of closeness and peace to the users.

Client: City of Toronto & Exhibition Place

Size: 300 sq. m.

TLA Scope: Design, Contract Documents, Contract Administration