



**LYDON LYNCH ARCHITECTS
COMPANY OFFICE
HALIFAX, NS**

**ABOVE HALIFAX SEAPORT
FARMERS' MARKET**

**ARCHITECTS' NEW OFFICE BUILDS SUSTAINABLE,
HARDER WORKING SPACES**

"The work that takes place in an architectural firm is highly collaborative," says Eugene Pieczonka, Principal with Lydon Lynch Architects, the Halifax, Nova Scotia architectural firm responsible for many of the Region's most recognized and respected buildings. The firm's previous office space was located in a historic building, on two floors, with millwork separating individual workstations – dividing their staff and making collaboration difficult.

"We wanted to design a workspace that would be representative of our architectural and design capabilities, bring our staff together in less space, and create a setting that would foster collaboration," says Pieczonka. The firm's office is located on top of a new 43,000 square foot LEED Platinum building which their office designed, overlooking the Halifax Harbour and the waterfront. But what's even more impressive is what is going on inside Lydon Lynch's space - how it's maintaining the environmental initiative and changing the way Lydon Lynch works.

“When we began reviewing c:scape for its sustainability story, I said, ‘We have to have this.’ c:scape not only provided us with the best collaborative solution and ease of access to technology, but its contribution toward LEED points was in line with our ideals pertaining to creating sustainable buildings.”
Eugene Pieczonka,
Principal



c:scape furniture is used both in the open plan workstations and private offices. “c:scape was head and shoulders above the other options we looked at,” says Pieczonka.

DESIGN

Creating a workspace that builds brand and culture, attracts and engages employees, does more in less space and encourages collaboration were key design principles for Lydon Lynch.

Their new office includes three private offices with glass architectural walls to allow senior management their own semi-private space for private conversations, and to engage them with staff by making them more accessible when available.

The innovative open plan workstations – allowing for a real estate reduction of almost twenty percent - provide easy access to co-workers to keep communication and ideas flowing. An impromptu meeting area further supports collaboration, while a designated team workspace allows for semi-formal meetings and an area to sit, layout plans and discuss ideas. A ten person boardroom provides an area for more formal meetings to take place.

SOLUTION

A combination of c:scape and Tour product was provided for the workstations. This solution encourages collaboration by keeping the environment open and provides ease of access to connections for technology. Multiple surfaces provide ample space for laying out plans, and storage and screens help define personal workstation space without creating a barrier for communicating.

Think and Crew chairs were used throughout the space to help support the high ergonomic standards. Scoop Stools were used at the team meeting areas with universal worksurfaces large enough to spread out plans for analysis and discussion. In the resource room, Steelcase storage adds character and functionality to the space.

Only environmentally sustainable products were proposed for Lydon Lynch with certifications through the BIFMA e3 furniture sustainability standard, Scientific Certification Systems' Indoor Advantage™ program, or the Cradle to Cradle® Certification program.



RESULTS

“The furniture is functional, adaptable and beautiful. People who come into the office are equally blown away by the views to the harbour and our office design,” says Pieczonka. The end result of the furniture solution was an environment that changed the way people worked at Lydon Lynch. It effectively blended the two existing cultures and changed them to a more collaborative team by supporting them with harder working spaces.



OUR PRODUCTS

- Steelcase c:scape
- Turnstone Tour
- Steelcase Elective Elements 6
- Steelcase Crew seating
- Steelcase Scoop stool
- Steelcase Think seating
- Prismatique boardroom table

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