



THIS IS
THE TRENT CAMPAIGN FOR
MOMENTOUS
CHANGE

HERITAGE

Case for support

mo-men-tous

of great importance or significance, especially in its bearing on the future.



A TIME FOR MOMENTOUS CHANGE

From the health of our planet to the sustainability of our economies and the strength of our communities, momentous change is happening right now, all around us.

Built on a history of progress, at Trent University we are driven to **understand, activate, and steer** change for good. Central to this is the architectural marvel of our campuses. Here learning and discovery thrive, the natural and built environment inspire, and Indigenous ways of knowing underpin our understanding of the world through the land.

Trent's campus holds aesthetic and intellectual allure. It is a place as unique as the great minds it houses, which stimulates the exchange of ideas, powerful discourse, and discovery through research and learning.

The Campaign for Momentous Change will support Trent's efforts to restore, rehabilitate, renovate, and modernize our architectural heritage for future generations.

With your support, we can maintain the integrity of important heritage elements while meeting the future academic and administrative requirements of Trent University.





“ I believe a university’s physical environment is a fundamental part of the educational experience. A quality education requires an understanding and appreciation of beauty and design. Ron Thom conceived the buildings of Trent to grow out of the landscape. It’s a superb example of a conceptual architecture that is respectful of the location.”

Thomas HB Symons
Trent University Founding President

THE PILLARS OF MOMENTOUS CHANGE

Trent University's most ambitious and comprehensive philanthropic campaign is built on three consequential pillars

IGNITING DISCOVERY

INSPIRING PEOPLE

UPHOLDING PLACES





WHERE LANDSCAPE IGNITES DISCOVERY

Our world is rapidly changing. Facing these changes requires inspiring places that foster exploration, collaboration, creative expression, and community.

Through our masterful architecture, Trent University blends form and function to create a harmonious learning environment where interdisciplinary cross-pollination sparks critical thinking around some of society's biggest challenges.

We encourage learning on and from the land and water. For example, students and faculty are working on impactful projects to restore natural ecosystems, drawing inspiration from Trent's 11 nature areas and more than 30 km of nature trails. Others are digging deeper into our past through archaeological surveys and by exploring the cultural significance of the Otonabee River and the traditional and treaty territories on which Trent is located.

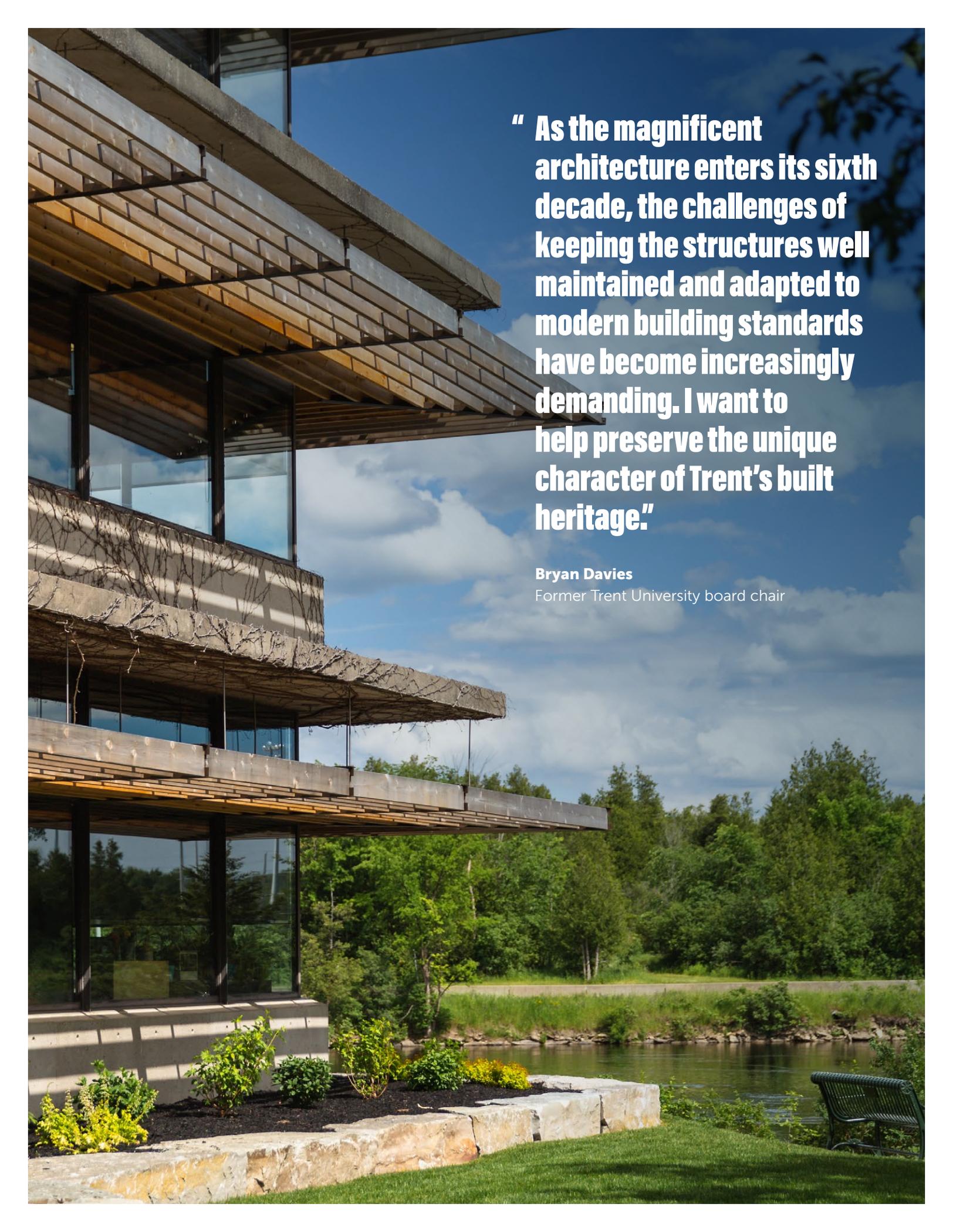
With your support, Trent can purposefully steward its established heritage sites while growing to meet the demands of our changing world. Together we can ensure that Trent remains a powerful incubator of new discoveries.

We believe that our unique architecture and distinct design attract exceptional academics that move the next generation to strive beyond greatness. By nurturing these spaces of significance now, we open the doors to opportunities for momentous change in the future.

The Trent Campaign for Momentous Change provides opportunities to support discovery on Trent's campuses through endowed chairs, curriculum development, experiential learning, and more.

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“ As the magnificent architecture enters its sixth decade, the challenges of keeping the structures well maintained and adapted to modern building standards have become increasingly demanding. I want to help preserve the unique character of Trent’s built heritage.”

Bryan Davies

Former Trent University board chair



SPOTLIGHT

“A PLACE OF AESTHETIC AS WELL AS INTELLECTUAL EXCITEMENT”

Trent University: One Of The Most Ambitious and Comprehensive Design Commissions In Canadian History

Trent is an architectural treasure, planned over an unprecedented three-year period by one of Canada’s most renowned architects, Ron Thom.

Trent was the only university of the era that was designed as a complete, collegiate institution comprised of a collection of scholarly villages situated around a central library complex. The design won several contemporary awards for its innovative style of mid-century modern architecture in a natural setting.

Thom’s design team crafted, commissioned, and oversaw each component of the building from the outside in – from the gardens to the lighting fixtures and furniture, in a “total environment” style that quickly became famous capturing the unique “spirit of place” of the area.

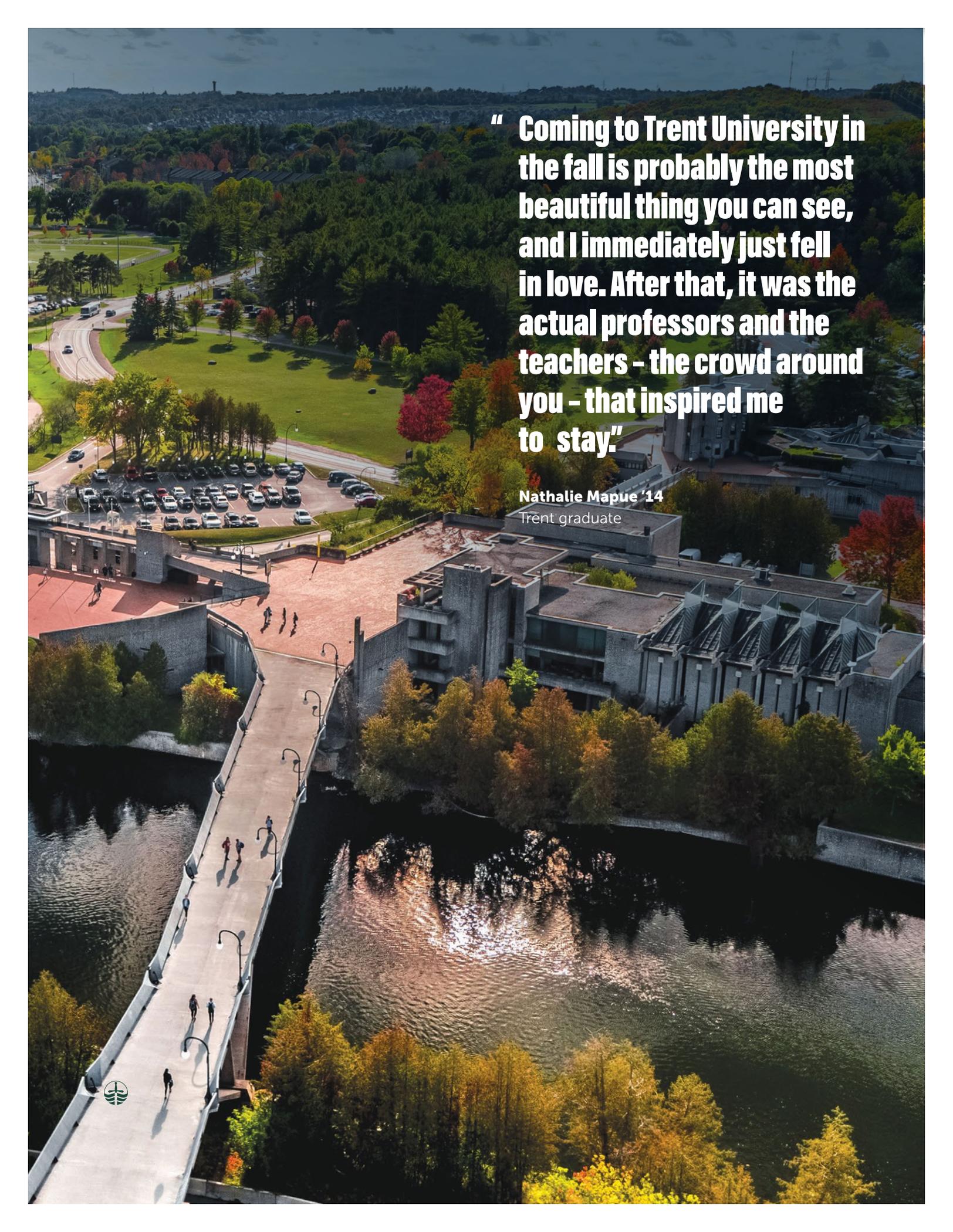
The Trent commission drew on the resources of Ron Thom’s gifted designers, architects, draftsmen, and staff, including Paul Merrick, Norm Hotson, Alastair Grant, Peter Smith, Bill Lett Sr., Dick Sai-Chew, Robert Montgomery, Paul Martel, Bob McIntyre, Paul Barnard, Daryl Morgan; engineers Ted Crossey, Roly Bergmann, Morden Yolles and others.

Spouse and colleague Molly Thom managed much of the interior design component and was charged with procuring Trent’s now iconic furniture produced by some of the most popular mid-century modern designers. Highlighted among these treasures are Swan, Series-7, and Ant chairs by Arne Jacobsen, Falkenberg chairs, side tables and chairs by Muller & Stewart and Eero Saarinen, dining chairs by Hans Wegner, and diamond chairs by Bertoia. Some of the most prized pieces remain the dining tables, coffee tables, and lighting fixtures designed by Thom himself.

Trent’s architecture is a modern marvel, that together with the University’s significant art and sculpture collection, continues to inspire students and visitors alike.

With your support, we can preserve the Ron Thom legacy and ensure the continued care of our built heritage, interior design, natural, and sacred spaces.



An aerial photograph of Trent University's campus during autumn. The image shows a large, modern concrete building complex with several gabled roof sections. A wide, paved walkway or bridge crosses a river in the foreground, with several people walking on it. The surrounding area is lush with trees in various shades of green, yellow, and red. In the background, there are rolling hills and a parking lot filled with cars. The sky is overcast.

“ Coming to Trent University in the fall is probably the most beautiful thing you can see, and I immediately just fell in love. After that, it was the actual professors and the teachers - the crowd around you - that inspired me to stay.”

Nathalie Mapue '14
Trent graduate



BOLD DESIGN TO INSPIRE BOLD THINKERS

Like the Otonabee River that flows through it, Trent's architectural legacy is part and parcel of the land and community in which it was founded almost 60 years ago. With the river as its heartbeat, Trent's natural beauty and thoughtfully executed design continue to be a catalyst for change, self-expression, and learning.

Our rich campus environment is exploding in art, sculptures, commemorative plaques and monuments, unique furniture, elements of architecture and design as well as natural and Indigenous spaces. Here students, faculty and the broader community find a sense of belonging and an environment in which to express themselves, explore without limits, and become advocates for change.

We believe that an enriching, personalized educational experience inspires momentous change. From secluded nooks with distinctive furnishings in our colleges and Bata Library, to gathering spaces such as the Great Hall and Ernest and Florence Benedict Gathering Space – each aspect of Trent's design is aimed at creating a harmonious haven that buoys community, broad perspectives, and collaboration at the intersection of disciplines.

Trent was founded on Prof. Symons' belief that you should "keep a sensitive and dynamic appreciation of the past and an imaginative and constructive building forward from the past".

This is only possible with your support. Together we can ensure that Trent's architectural treasures provide future generations with the roots from which to challenge their own belief systems and allow their ideas to take flight and push the boundaries of knowledge.

The Trent Campaign for Momentous Change provides opportunities to attract top scholars by maintaining and preserving our built legacy and providing places for reflection, study, and gathering.

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“ At a moment of architectural crisis, Trent University is retaining Canada’s modern heritage.”

Alex Bozickovic
Globe and Mail



UPHOLDING A NATIONAL ARCHITECTURAL MASTERPIECE

After nearly six decades of growth, Trent's award-winning architecture continues to inspire students, engage the imagination, and uplift the University as a place of scholarly exploration. Our iconic campuses are deeply ingrained in the history and heritage of our community and is home to state-of-the-art facilities, Indigenous traditional areas, and performance spaces.

We believe that momentous change happens when campus lands and spaces are transformed into places of significance. These places, and the state-of-the-art equipment they hold are the origins of tomorrow's achievements.

While all built environments require ongoing maintenance, architectural masterpieces require an extra measure of care to preserve their clarity of vision.

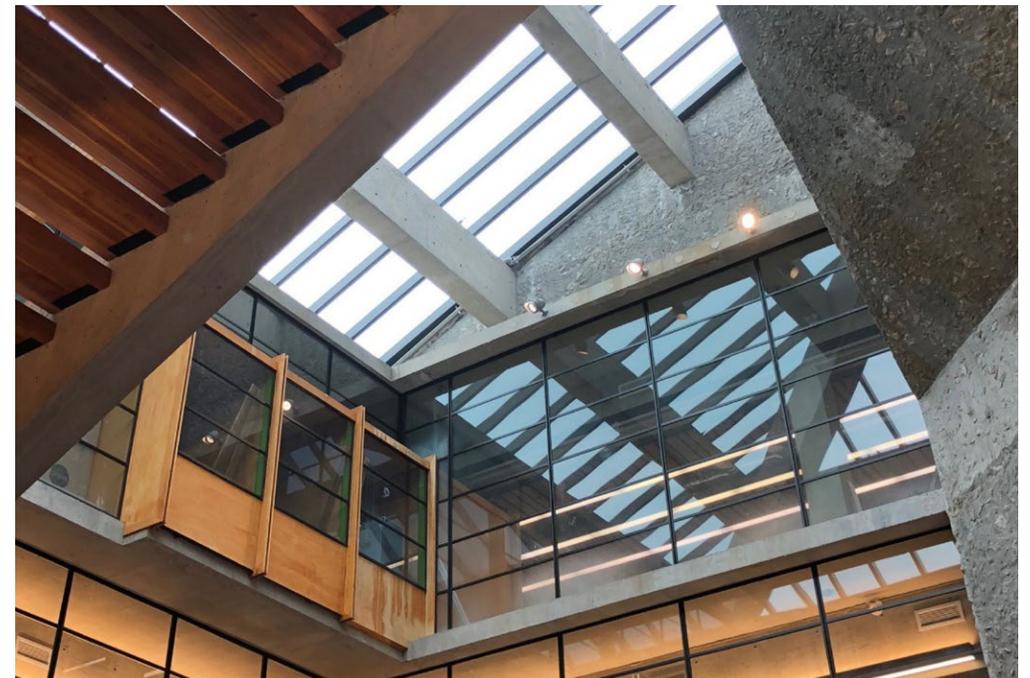
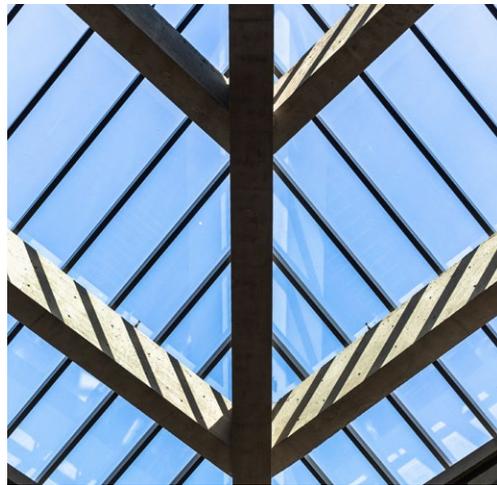
And, as custodians of our architectural and built heritage, we are approaching the need for the campus to change and grow in a thoughtful and meaningful way, respecting the intrinsic value and continuity that traditional spaces, buildings and cultural items offer to the university experience.

With your support, we can revitalize key elements of this significant architectural treasure while thoughtfully integrating new facilities, cultural resources, and Indigenous spaces essential for meeting evolving academic, administrative, residential, and financial objectives.

Together we can preserve the unique character of Trent's built heritage for future generations.

The Trent Campaign for Momentous Change provides opportunities to support stewardship of Trent's built and architectural heritage and the thoughtful development of new spaces through capital investments, endowments, and more.

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“ With your help, we will steward a dynamic environment that inspires students to be the change – bringing Trent to the world.”

DR. MICHAEL EAMON

Co-Chair Heritage Stewardship Committee & Principal,
Catharine Parr Traill College



**THIS IS A CALL TO THOSE WHO BELIEVE
THE ARCHITECTURAL MASTERPIECE
THAT IS TRENT MUST BE CHERISHED,
MAINTAINED AND STEWARDED.**

**THIS CAMPAIGN IS INSPIRED BY TRENT'S
HISTORY OF SIGNIFICANCE, OUR FUTURE
OF OPTIMISM, AND THIS MOMENT OF
MOMENTUM.**

**THIS IS TRENT UNIVERSITY'S CAMPAIGN
FOR MOMENTOUS CHANGE.**







Be part of the momentous change.
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