



BRING THE WORLD TO OTTAWA



Stadium development and design narrative

Site

The 38-acre site is adjacent to Scotiabank Place, west of Ottawa's downtown core and is easily accessible from the Queensway (Highway 417). The stadium is situated to maximize the synergy from having two professional sports facilities in close proximity. The front door is positioned to face Palladium Drive, which is envisioned as becoming an urban main street, providing a link between the two anchor venues and a variety of activities and uses.

The stadium is orientated north-south to minimize potential negative effects of sun on the playing field.

A training field is provided that matches the conditions of the main pitch. Four additional practice fields are provided for community use.

There is a large inventory of more than 7,000 existing surface parking spaces near the stadium at Scotiabank Place. An additional 360 parking spaces will be provided in close proximity to the stadium for VIP, player and team personnel use.

The stadium

The stadium's architectural design will express the tradition and emotional connection felt in Europe's most storied venues, while contributing to the team's ability to establish a sense of excitement for Major League Soccer (MLS) in Ottawa.

Materials reflective of Ottawa's established architectural language will be used to establish tradition and prominence. The roof canopy provides a second opportunity to make an architectural statement that is unique to Ottawa, as we have seen with MLS stadiums in Utah, California, Colorado and Illinois. The goal is to have viewers on TV and those driving past to immediately associate the stadium with Ottawa.

The total seating capacity of the stadium will range from 20,000 to 30,000. With the addition of field seating, concert capacity should be a minimum of 28,000. The stadium's intimate design brings fans close to the action and places them in a friendly, family-oriented atmosphere. For sporting events and concerts, spectators are provided with the best possible sightlines and seating comfort. Views from all seats are unobstructed, with sightlines appropriate for a multi-purpose stadium.

All general seating areas will have a backrest for comfortable viewing, and club seating areas are provided with a larger and more comfortable seat. The club seating section is accessible from a private VIP entrance also used by the stadium's suite holders.

The 26 luxury suites, provided on two levels on the stadium's west side, are comprised of 21 typical size suites and five party-sized. In addition, there are six stage suites that double as greenrooms for concerts and special events, bringing the total number of suites to 32.

The pitch is a 65x105-metre natural grass field designed to MLS and FIFA specifications, yet can also meet the needs of football, rugby and the area's many soccer leagues. The field lighting system will provide at least the minimum foot-candle level required by the MLS and FIFA broadcasting standards. A sub-surface drainage and heating system will provide for maximum playability no matter the weather condition.

The stadium is arranged in a way that promotes flexibility. The conjoined stage structure provides the ability to reconfigure the stadium into a world-class concert venue in less than a day. The audio-visual system will be designed according to the MLS standards for broadcast media, including the required camera positions and broadcast facilities for radio, TV and the writing press.