

CONCLUSION

The Catherine Booth Hospital offers a distinctive, small-scale approach to the delivery of medical treatment to an urban patient base. Facilities like this hospital, which are so intermeshed with their surroundings, are excellent illustrations of the benefits and detriments related to their high degree of blending. On a positive note, that high degree of blending has the potential to create public spaces which offer the “residential-like” serenity that is so rare in institutional spaces.

On the other hand, no matter how tightly incorporated a facility is with its environment, there will unavoidably be instances where institutional overlap will create tension with residential neighbours.

Despite its virtual anonymity, this building’s historical roots and impressive adaptability have ensured it a tightly woven sense of place in this N.D.G. community. In fact, it is not hard to imagine this structure one day outliving its mission as a medical facility and seamlessly being converted into a senior’s residency, or condominium development.

