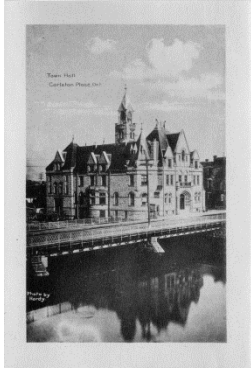


Carleton Place Town Hall
175 Bridge Street
Lot 70, Plan 276, Section D
By-law 42-78



The Carleton Place Town Hall was built on the site where William Morphy, one of the first settlers, built his home in 1819 and gave the village its first name, Morphy's Falls. From here the town spread out on both sides of the Mississippi River.

The site was purchased in 1891 from William Morphy, grandson of the original settler for \$3,300 and the Morphy home was demolished in 1895. Construction of the new town hall began that year and it was completed in 1897 at a cost of \$26,000.

The building is a fine example of the "Richardson Romanesque" style, particular to North America in the latter part of the 19th century and originating in the work of American Henry Robson Richardson. It features rough Beckwith limestone, semicircular arches on windows and doors, round towers and triangular shaped dormer windows. The square bell tower was built for use by the fire hall and still houses the original bell.