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## Agway Metals Case Study | SAULT COLLEGE ACADEMIC BUILDING

In creating a new 6,968m<sup>2</sup> (75,000 sq. ft.) gateway building for Sault Ste. Marie College, Tillmann Ruth Robinson Architects chose Agway light steel framing and prepainted steel cladding – along with stone and wood accents – to juxtapose a contemporary architectural exterior with building materials used previously, and to complement the breathtaking natural surroundings of the college’s front entry.

To accomplish their architectural vision, they chose Agway steel building products, both for their inherent cost-effectiveness as well as for the design flexibility and ease they bring to realizing innovative architectural designs in the real world. Moreover, the toughness and durability of steel, along with its 100% recyclability were additional factors in the criteria. For great looks and durability, preformed, prefinished Agway steel cladding panels used were 0.76mm (.0299”) Z275 (G90) galvanized with the 10000 Series paint system.

“Using steel allowed us to customize the panels and siding for a fresh modern look. It complemented the natural

materials of stone and wood,” says Scott Robinson, Director of Design for Tillmann Ruth Robinson. “The more-modern materials reflect the forward-thinking vision of the school.”

“Not only does the new building provide great curb appeal, it is truly distinguishable as a Northern Ontario College,” states Dr. Ron Common, President, Sault College, “Sustainable design elements have been included in the planning of this complex that incorporates a local flavour such as indigenous plants, wood roofing, steel cladding and copper, the latter having historical significance to First Nations people, who account for 20% of Sault College students.”

“Kids are hanging out in the common area,” says Robinson. “They now have a place to meet and socialize after class. It has a big impact on how students feel about the college, which is rewarding,” he adds.





## PROJECT

Sault College

## BUILDER | CONTRACTOR

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## AGWAY PRODUCTS USED

PMC-1: Agway HF-II NF  
Colour: QC3659 Grey Berry

PMC-2: Agway HF-15NF  
Colour: QC3661 Pebble

PMC-3: Agway 7-175  
Colour: QC3661 Pebble



As can be seen in this photograph of the Academic Building, the predominate vertical steel cladding panels are Agway Metal's HF-IINF panels, coloured Grey Berry QC3659, while the narrower vertical panels are Agway Metal's HF-15NF, coloured Pebble QC3661, all with the 10000 Series paint system. (Agway's 7-175 panel is used on the penthouse, which is not visible in this view).

The major elements of the 6,966m<sup>2</sup> (75,000 sq. ft.) academic building, include a new entry and exhibition hall, 17

state-of-the-art classrooms, aviation and natural resource laboratories, a 100 seat lecture hall, 743m<sup>2</sup> (8,000 sq. ft.) of interactive learning commons and administrative spaces.

The new Academic Wing also provides much needed formal and informal social spaces and gathering places that promote casual sharing of ideas and boundary-crossing.