



Galt Collegiate Institute

Tassie Hall & Amphitheatre

Galt Collegiate Institute is the Waterloo Region District School Board's oldest school, constructed in 1852. It is one of 16 secondary schools and one of 118 schools that the WRDSB operates to provide quality public education.

GCI is one of the few secondary schools to enjoy a theatre to support curriculum delivery. GCI is one of very few secondary schools to have an Amphitheatre, but unfortunately it closed in 2009.

Tassie Hall

Tassie Hall is one of the many historic gems at GCI. A highly functional theatre space, Tassie Hall has and continues to serve the curricular and co-curricular needs of GCI students regularly. Tassie Hall has specialized audio visual equipment including data projector and screen, sound board, lighting, and speakers purchased through donations by GCI students, parents, alumni, and other stakeholders. Recent investments have included a new roof over Tassie Hall, ceiling restoration, stage elevator and modifications to stage curtain scrim for enhanced accessibility.

Amphitheatre

The Amphitheatre, conceptualized in 1973, was realized in 1978 at a cost of approximately \$80,000. While the Amphitheatre may provide many with fond memories, the 1980's proved difficult for upkeep due to vandalism. While Board approved at the time for construction, the commitment was that Student Council would maintain the Amphitheatre, however the registered charity and fundraising account for maintenance was eventually shut down in 1991. The Amphitheatre was officially closed in 2009.

Since 2009, more than \$4.9M has been invested into GCI infrastructure. This has included major accessibility upgrades to the interior and exterior of the school, domestic water piping replacement, science labs and media room upgrades, sports field restoration and bus bay development, library renovations, roof replacements, paving, stone repointing, new flooring, fume hoods for science lab, storage sheds, field irrigation system, exterior painting, and new fencing to name a few. GCI has a Facility Condition Index, of 0.24, lower than the provincial average, indicating better condition than the provincial average of 0.27. Facility condition index or FCI is a measure of the sum of deficiencies, divided by the replacement value of a facility.

The Amphitheatre is currently being assessed by a third party to determine possible next use of this space – from removal and reinstatement as a green space, to restoration of the Amphitheatre – a safe and low maintenance replacement will be sought to ensure the long term future viability.

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