

# Kanata Plastic and Cosmetic Surgery celebrates one year

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When you walk into Kanata Plastic and Cosmetic Surgery, one is immediately taken by the stone walls.

They've been kept in their place, even after extensive renovations were completed by the owners to transform the old March Road schoolhouse into a plastic and cosmetic surgery clinic.

The clinic celebrated its first year anniversary Wednesday, May 30 in the building, which dates back to 1892. The celebration commemorates a year's worth of hard work and dedication.

Kelly Lacey, office manager and wife of Dr. James Lacey, head plastic surgeon, says it's taken a long time to get where they are today.

She took the EMC on a tour of the clinic, starting from the waiting room and then traveling up towards the operating room.

The Laceys have made the facility accommodating for their patients, as well as comfortable with soft couches and chairs. She points out the places where the parts of history have been kept, and where extensive renovations have been done.

Lacey remembers back when they first visited the schoolhouse, which was then an old art gallery called Arteca.

"There was nothing worth salvaging seeing as we would be doing a medical facility and we have developed standards equal to a hospital in sterility," said Lacey.

The couple bought the historic structure and then submitted a rezoning bid to the City of Ottawa.

It was then they began to lay out a plan of renovation.

Dr. Lacey had in mind to keep as much of the old schoolhouse's character as possible. A blackboard in the kitchen and patient consultation area still remains intact, faint white writing still visible on it, preserved from the early 19th century.

It was because of this that the schoolhouse-turned-clinic received recognition from the city for maintaining its heritage.

Dr. Lacey's plastic surgery practice has expanded to include an on-site private surgical facility and complete medical esthetics including laser skin services.

Lacey says they will be receiving a plaque from the city hopefully in the fall.

"I would say that we

have had an eventful year and that we have got a good team of people working for us who are very proud of what we are doing together," said Lacey.

It's a one-stop shop, she says, for patients seeking complete medical esthetics and plastic surgery on site, as well as skin care and full laser services, injections such as Botox, Restylane and other cosmetic surgeries like facelifts and eyes.

"Getting the heritage recognition for our adaptive use of the property from the City of Ottawa for 2006 is the icing on the cake after all that we did to get her," Lacey added. "We never expected the award and were thrilled to be recognized in this manner."

"Our architect praised us in front of the audience, saying that 'the Laceys had achieved a lot since moving to Ottawa in September 2005'."

Lacey adds they have not regretted moving from the Greater Toronto Area to seek a better quality of life.

"We are proud to have

done what we did with the building and that we can offer the community something to also be proud of," she said.

"People are constantly saying how they thought it was so run down and that they saw the changes coming along while we did our restoration December 2005 to May 2006."

On December 14, 2006 City Council approved 895 March Road, "March School House #2" as the recipient of the Award of Excellence in the Adaptive Use Category of the Ottawa Architectural Conservation Awards.

Dr. Lacey (MD, CM, FRCSC) is a Royal College and American Board Certified Plastic Surgeon, with a Fellowship in Hand Surgery. He attended medical school at McGill University in Montreal.

For more information on Kanata Plastic and Cosmetic Surgery, please go to [www.kanataplastic-surgery.com](http://www.kanataplastic-surgery.com).

They are located at 895 March Road in Kanata.



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An outside view of Kanata Plastic and Cosmetic Surgery shows what used to be a schoolhouse back in the 1800s. The clinic celebrated its one-year anniversary on May 30. At right is an example of the extensive renovations which Dr. James Lacey and his team completed, all the while keeping the schoolhouse's heritage alive.



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Dr. James Lacey gets ready to cut the cake in celebration of Kanata Plastic and Cosmetic Surgery's first anniversary. Joining him in celebrating this occasion are from left to right, Dr. Jean Blier, anesthesiologist, Nicole Mombourquette, receptionist, Sherry Scissons, nurse manager, Angela Gill, RPN, Tammy Paterson, administrative secretary, Jan Hughes, medical esthetician and laser technician, Kelly Lacey, office manager, Karen Lightfoot, medical esthetician and laser technician, Dr. Lacey, plastic surgeon and owner.

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