

Client Testimonials

“The City of Kenora would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge KMA Contracting Inc. of Guelph, Ontario for exceeding our expectations in the design-build project related to the construction of the iconic and distinctive permanent fabric structure that now is the focal point of the City’s downtown harbourfront venue.

The City was impressed with the professionalism of the parties KMA had put together for this project that included engineering design, project management, fabrication and installation. The scope of work was no simple task in regards to the parameters that were required to be achieved in terms of budget and timelines including specific functionality and space requirements for this structure. KMA and its team were able to prove their expertise and knowledge of fabric structures which in turn ultimately made the project advance from the design stages through to final installation with no concerns or issues.

We would especially like to thank Mr. Jamie Gallagher from Tensile Integrity who was the project manager, and Derek Penney of DEPCO who was the lead in the fabrication and installation of the structure. These key personnel were the main reason the project stayed on track and on budget as their experience related to this nature of work was evident for a successful outcome for such a complex structure.

KMA and its team members would be highly recommended to other organizations requiring expertise and knowledge for those projects that are difficult and complicated, as the success of the City of Kenora project can be largely attributed to the team, resources and capabilities that KMA amassed and demonstrated on this project.”

**Marco Vogrig, P.Eng.
Municipal Engineer
City of Kenora, ON**

“As the Manager of Parks and Recreation and the Township representative overseeing the construction of the Marden Field House, I was introduced to KMA Contracting in November 2009. KMA was contracted by the municipality to carry out the construction of a five million dollar municipal recreation facility in our Township.

KMA always made their staff available to the Township to address my questions or concerns and were consistently mindful to budget and schedule.

KMA’s staff has a tremendous level of knowledge and a great deal of positive energy and enthusiasm for the work they do. They conduct business in a very professional and ethical way.

KMA would have my recommendation for any project they choose to pursue. If for any reason you require additional information please do not hesitate to call me.”

**Robin Milne
Manager of Parks and Recreation
The Corporation of the Township of Guelph/Eramosa
Rockwood, ON**

“It is with pleasure that I herein commit to writing our positive experience working with KMA on the Marden Field House project.

As project Architect, I had firsthand experience dealing with project meetings, site reviews and inspections, progress draws and changes. In all instances KMA performed professionally and timely.

The Client and the Project was always in the forefront of all decisions. It is our opinion that the site was always organized and safe with the subtrades well coordinated.

We would strongly recommend KMA Contracting to our clients for future work.”

Barry R. Johnstone
Partner
BJC Architects Inc.
Guelph, ON

“I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation for Emmanuel Varem and KMA Contracting Inc.

The project, which consisted of building Lakeshore Collegiate’s new artificial turf field and dome, was professionally handled from the standpoint of safety, workmanship, flexibility and adherence to timeliness.

The project started during the summer but continued throughout the school year. Safety is extremely important for all of us, and KMA adhered to rigid safety standards at all times. Heavy equipment was in use but the area was well fenced off and any trucks needing to go through school property always had personnel walking along side to ensure visibility.

Emmanuel was very helpful, flexible and patient with us and kept the school informed every step of the way. We were shown the plans at various stages prior to work commencing which allowed us an opportunity to make slight modifications and requests that were in the school’s interest. Emmanuel and KMA worked with us to make sure all our requests were adequately addressed.

Once work commenced on our new turf field and dome, KMA kept to the time lines they set. There were inevitable changes and delays for permits and so forth, but when the work commenced and a time line set, they were adhered to. Stages of construction were set to allow our school to make use of the field at the start of September, and again at the start of May. Work continued throughout the winter months to make sure we were ready to go in the spring.

It was a pleasure working with KMA on the addition of our new high quality Lakeshore Collegiate turf field and dome.”

A. Santos
Principal
Lakeshore Collegiate Institute
Etobicoke, ON

“In the spring of 2010 Nustadia Recreation Inc. issued a request for proposal for construction firms to build an artificial turf field, air inflated structure, field house and other ancillary components at Lakeshore Collegiate Institute in Etobicoke.

KMA Contracting Inc. was the chosen firm to perform the work. Through design and schedule changes to the project, KMA was helpful and professional throughout the process. KMA did an admirable job through the phased construction of the above mentioned items.

I would not hesitate to use KMA on future projects or recommend them for other recreation related construction projects.”

**Gavin White
Vice President, Projects
Nustadia Recreation Inc.
Hamilton, ON**

“We are writing in regard to the performance of KMA Contracting Inc. on a \$1.7 million dollar TransCanada Screen and Halton Hills Monument project that is visible from and located north of Highway 401 in Halton Hills, Ontario.

KMA Contracting was the successful bidder on a lump sum tender issued by TransCanada Energy Ltd. KMA approached the project with professionalism and integrity and conformed to TransCanada’s stringent safety criteria and quality performance on site. The project was completed within the scheduled time frame and budget.

With the illuminated steel structure curvature, and being constructed on caissons on top of a berm, this project was a challenge to build. A high degree of quality subcontractor involvement was critical to the success of this project. KMA easily solved the problems of difficult site access and subcontractor co-ordination to achieve optimum results within the agreed time frames.

We are very pleased with the performance of KMA Contracting and the quality of the completed work.”

**David Small
Site Manager, HHGS Project
Energy Projects, O&E Project Management
TransCanada Energy Ltd.
Halton Hills, ON**

“J.G. Goetz Construction Limited has had the pleasure of working with KMA Contracting Inc. on the Market Square, Outdoor Ice Skating Rink and Pavilion Foundation project which has just been completed.

We would like to express our satisfaction for the manner in which they carried out their work on the project. The excellent site supervision and project management showed them to be a well managed company with outstanding technical ability.

We have no hesitation in recommending KMA Contracting and look forward to working with them in the future.”

**Joseph M. Goetz, C.E.T.
President
J.G. Goetz Construction Limited
Guelph, ON**

“KMA Contracting Inc. has given the women at York Racquets Club a beautiful, modern and functional new locker room which has been very well received by the members. Keith McEwen and Emmanuel Varem provided us with constant supervision and attention to detail throughout the renovation process resulting in a high quality, elegant facility that will last many years.”

**Julie Solomon
Chair, Ladies Renovation Committee
York Racquets Club
Toronto, ON**

“This year, Donalda Club added two tennis courts to the facility. This addition required the construction of a new grade beam foundation to facilitate the addition of a new air-supported structure for winter tennis. From the pre-construction meetings to the on-site construction and follow up, KMA’s work on this project was an integral part of the success of the new courts. Their expertise was a key to producing a structural foundation that maximized court space on a highly restricted site and they were ultimately responsible for the production of the tender documents for the bubble itself. On site, KMA’s conduct was thorough, adaptive, and efficient resulting in a project that was completed on schedule even with the difficult spring working conditions and several modifications to the original plan. KMA hired competent sub-contractors and enforced proper safety practices and guidelines.

At our private club, communication is paramount to our success. The team at KMA was readily available at the office and the on-site coordination was reliable. Scheduling was clear, accurate and they were available after the projects completion to handle any issues that arose with the new structure.

KMA will continue to be considered for renovation projects at Donalda Club in the future.”

**Scott White
Golf Course and Grounds Manager
Donalda Club
Don Mills, ON**

“Keith, I just wanted to commend you and your contracting team on a very efficient and professional job completion at our Soccerworld - Polson Pier facility.

Your approach and timely completion of the construction contract allowed us to open our expanded facility on November 17, 2008, this represents only a one week delay on our original time line, this however due to other factors beyond your control.

During the construction period I was consistently impressed with your workmen and the cooperation that was exhibited at all times.

Thank you for your attention to detail and going beyond the contract.”

**Robert Ortali
Director
Conquest Facilities Management Inc.
Toronto, ON**

“I am writing with regards to KMA Contracting’s implementation of the TransCanada Screen and Halton Hills Monument, which is located on the north side of Highway 401 in a prominent location in front of TransCanada’s new generating station in Halton Hills. The screen and monument were designed as urban design features to transmit a character of prestige development to TransCanada’s large project and to convey a sense of identity to Halton Hills’ new prestige employment area.

The screen design, scaled to the highway, is an illuminated steel arc of approximately 160 metres in length. It is comprised of a cantilevered steel tube 650mm in diameter, that is curved along its length, with cables forming a pattern from a steel linear member at the caisson foundation base, up to the tube. The design is augmented with LED tube lighting and LED accent lighting spots at the sloped vertical double column supports. A monument of exposed sandblasted concrete and large backlit individual logo elements combines with the screen to provide civic identification.

The project’s bold aesthetic is deceptively simple, as it involved several construction complexities. Coordination of caisson foundation placement and steel base members with the long arced top involved detailed setting out of complex geometries on site along a newly constructed berm. Each foundation needed to be accurately set individually upon different axis lines, that were radial to the arc causing varying bolt placements. Further coordination of steel fabrication with cable installation also involved complex geometry with different steel geometry, welds and connections at each location. Construction of the main tube involved coordination of steel slip joints at several locations along its length to enable the staged construction sequence required for this length. Coordination of electrical provisions for the LED lighting also needed to be done with care for both the screen and monument elements.

KMA proved to be more than equal to the task. Their professionalism and dedication to the project’s objectives resulted in a successful completion on time and on budget. Their methodology of partnership with the designers and Owner resulted in a construction process that was both efficient and enjoyable.

Most importantly, their commitment to the intended aesthetic and to retaining design integrity resulted in a realized project of which we are all proud. Their willingness to put in the extra effort at every juncture has provided a high quality of execution for this prominent sculptural feature on Highway 401.”

**Elie Newman, B. Arch. OAA MRAIC
Principal
Joseph Bogdan Associates Inc.
Architects
Urban Design Consultants
Toronto, ON**