

AMAZON FULFILLMENT CENTRE BARRHAVEN

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THE CHALLENGE

The continuing growth of the eCommerce sector has led to a rapid increase in demand for distribution centers around the world, but no name is bigger in the eCommerce space than Amazon's. Demand in the Canadian market, specifically, had grown so quickly that when it came time to build a new distribution centre in a suburb of Ottawa, Ontario, Amazon went big, and commissioned the construction of the largest Amazon fulfillment center of its kind in all of Canada.

Planning and constructing a structure on the scale of Amazon Fulfillment Centre Barrhaven is a massive task involving multiple interdisciplinary tradespeople and companies. However, one of the final tasks—façade colourization—is one of the most crucial for surrounding communities, environmental impact, and corporate branding. So when it came time to realize the architectural vision for the site's exterior, Nawkaw had a tall order on its hands—to work efficiently at a scale never before seen in the sector.



THE SOLUTION

To meet the needs of Amazon as well as Broccolini, the real estate developer responsible for construction, Nawkaw got to work developing custom hues of NawTone-K, a flagship mineral stain solution, to precise client specifications. Expertly-trained Stain Technicians then hand-applied the approved tones, foot by foot, across the entire structure with efficiency and skill. The usage of NawTone-K ensured that there would be no functional distinction between the concrete substrate and brand colours requested.

Once the work was finalized, Amazon Fulfillment Centre Barrhaven looked nothing like its original constructed appearance. The final aesthetic harmonized the center with the surrounding CitiGate Corporate Business Park while still showcasing a unique, bright, and friendly appearance.



Today, with over 2.8 million square feet of total constructed space, Amazon Fulfillment Centre Barrhaven is a powerful example of concrete construction and concrete stain at scale. Nawkaw's work with the project likewise exemplifies not only the skill of Nawkaw Stain Technicians but the ability to produce reliable results at any scale.

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