

Major Regional Shopping Centres.

As Chief of Design, with Abugov & Sunderland Architects and Consulting Engineers, Calgary Alberta, Mr. Davies' personally designed both the Londonderry Mall Shopping Centre in Edmonton Alberta (65,000m²) and the Centre 114 Major Regional Shopping Centre (now known as Southcentre) in Calgary Alberta (56,000m²).



Aerial view from the north-west showing the Woolco anchor (left) and the Safeway and Eaton stores (centre).

Londonderry Mall was one of the first two-level regional shopping centres built in Canada and featured three anchor stores – the Bay, Woolco and Eatons as well as over one-hundred and fifty allied stores - all located within the enclosed shopping mall itself. In addition the centre featured an eating court, multiple cinemas and a major Safeway supermarket. On-surface parking for over 4000 cars was also provided with a significant portion of this parking located within 100m of the many major access points to the complex. Architecturally it was uniformly clad in exposed aggregate pre-cast concrete panels moulded to individual shapes to highlight each of the major anchors with a distinct character and identity while at the same time forming a unifying coloured and textured façade to the entire complex. The centre also featured a centrally located heating and cooling plant thereby eliminating the necessity for multiple unit roof units – accordingly, it has one of the cleanest shopping centre rooftops in Canada.



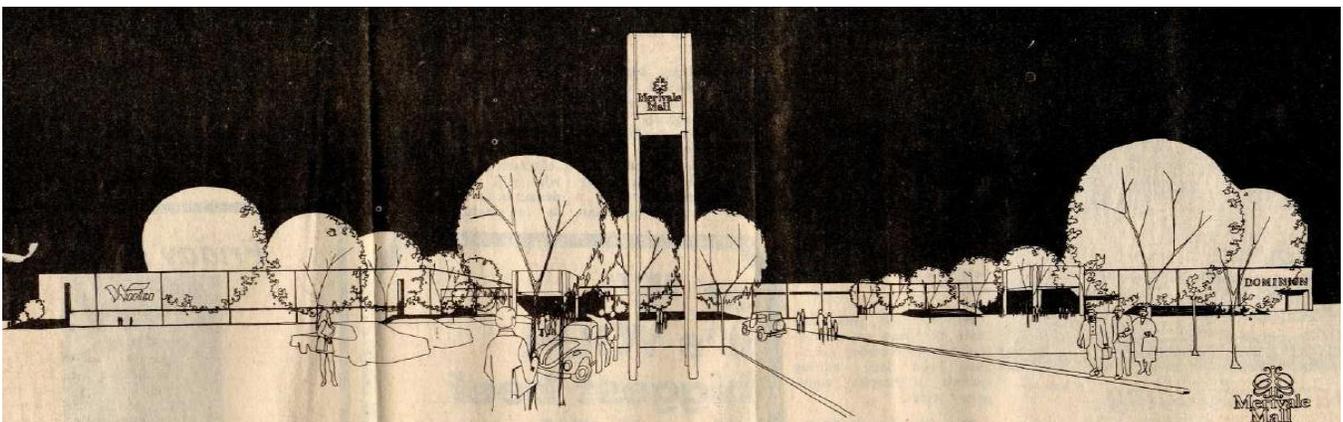
View (left) of main 66 St. NW entrance to the Bay store and view (above) of the Bay store entrance at the 137 Ave. NW façade at the upper level.

Centre 114, like Londonderry, was a two-storey regional shopping centre featuring a Bay and Sears store as its two anchors. It featured a food court and a supermarket. Like Londonderry it also featured a central plant thereby permitting clean roof profiles. Centre 114 was clad in beige coloured brick topped with a unifying peripheral, reverse curved, domed cornered, stainless steel cornice.



View of Bay store component from 107th Avenue SE.

Mr. Davies continued to design and/or fulfil the role of designer/tenant coordinator and/or project architect for numerous single storey neighbourhood malls and shopping plazas both in Alberta (Camrose) and in Ottawa ON (Merivale Mall, Merivale Shopping Fair, Manotick Shopping Centre, Carleton Place Shopping Centre and Heron Gate Mall with Murray & Murray & Partners, Architects and Planning Consultants of Ottawa).



Illustrator's view of proposed Merivale Mall taken from the Merivale Road main entry point.