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At Brook Restoration, knowledge is power

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Brook building front

In the high-rise restoration business, concrete repair is arguably the most dangerous job.

Contractor gives its team the know-how to make the right call

Contractors often work on the exterior of the building, high up on a swing stage. Heavy chunks of loose concrete must be safely removed. Any exposed steel reinforcement must be cleaned and protected from corrosion.

It's no picnic for tenants either, forced to endure noisy equipment that's drilling and grinding away outside their windows.

But maintaining a standard of safety and managing tenant relations is only half the battle to get a job done right, on time and on budget. The other is understanding what steps to take, materials to use and methods to apply to complete the repair.

"It's like a visit to the dentist," said Geoff Grist, Founder and President of Brook Restoration. "We both have to remove the deteriorated material, seal and protect against further decay and apply the right kind of filling."

Brook Restoration doesn't leave this process to chance, or rely on its people to learn what they need from a material safety data sheet. Instead, it invests in training at its own industry-certified and dedicated facility in Toronto.

"We bring in technical representatives from suppliers and manufacturers of just about any product that could be used on a job site, from concrete to paint, roofing systems to exterior cladding," said Gary Roodman, Brook's Ottawa General Manager.

Hands-on with BASF Master Builder Solutions

Take, for example, the recent workshop that 50 Brook staff just completed, related to concrete repair. One of the industry's leading product lines for repair mortars comes from multinational chemical giant BASF. Brook invited BASF's technical and product experts to train the team on its products.

BASF is just one of many leading manufacturers Brook works with to ensure its team has the right technical support and knowledge to carry out effective and warranty-approved repairs for its clients that will stand the test of time.

The need for this kind of investment in learning never ends – the award-winning Brook team includes more than 300 skilled craftsmen, dedicated labourers and strategic managers, servicing low-rise and high-rise properties across Ontario.

Trusted to take the lead

Take Brook's project on Homewood Avenue, off Bronson near Carleton University (pictured). The job didn't involve structural issues that would have required the oversight of an engineer. Instead, the owner relied solely on the Brook team to assess the situation, make recommendations on how to proceed, and execute.

Brook carried out column repairs, beam repairs and addressed concrete delamination, by

remediating and coating exposed reinforcing steel members and applying the right mix of repair mortar to replace the deteriorated concrete.

“By working with the top names in our supply chain, we ensure our team has the competence to make the right decisions on a job site, and the judgment to know when to consult with other technical experts,” Roodman said.

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