

# PHOTOS: Live, work and play on Hamilton's Barton Street in these gorgeous lofts

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Barton Street is in the midst of rebirth and the newest addition to the street, The Bateson Lofts at 433 Barton East, will provide its occupants a front-row seat to this magical transformation.

In the first part of the 20th Century, Barton Street was a hub of activity: it's where you went in Hamilton to shop, eat and play.

In the latter half of the century, however, the neighbourhood fell on hard times. Even today the road is dotted with boarded-up storefronts and rundown structures.



But for many businesses and residents, there is still plenty of life left in these historic Hamilton buildings.

The Bateson Lofts are a collection of eight freshly renovated apartments co-owned and designed by the architectural firm Thier + Curran, founded by East Hamilton native Bill Curran.

Curran has cultivated a reputation for himself as one of the community's champions in preserving and rehabilitating Hamilton's heritage properties.

One of his most striking projects is the [Cool Urban Towns on Brock Street](#), a stunning series of three adaptive reuse free-hold townhouses on a previously industrial property that underwent extensive remediation.

"He's a catalyst for the revival of Hamilton," the Bateson Lofts rep, Conni Robinson of Pottruff & Oliver Realty, told InTheHammer.



"This is a passion project where he is trying to create a sense of place where you can live, work and play. He's trying to bring back something that we've lost in Hamilton."

The new apartments are housed above what used to be the Gallery 435 Arts Centre (and speakeasy) from 1983-2018. This famed arts landmark was run by renowned local artist and visionary, Ellis Bateson, who is now retired and living on a farm outside Hamilton.

Today, the main floor of the building is home to Mosaic Bar, which boasts one of Hamilton's prettiest alleyway patios, and Dawson Hot Sauce, which shares space with an outpost of Bike Locke.

Each apartment unit features in-suite laundry as well as its own furnace and air conditioning unit, giving tenants the power to control their own comfort.



*One of the building's units features a large, rooftop terrace, pictured above.*

The units feature new kitchens and bathrooms with state-of-the-art fixtures and appliances, all designed with functionality in mind.

Decor in the units is bright and airy and modern with a little vintage whimsy thrown in.

"It's Curran's usual flair and style," Robinson said.

The building features new fire exits, fire alarms, electrical and security systems as well as new windows, doors and a new roof.



Rent on the units ranges from \$950 to \$2,400.

"It would be ideal for someone working at, or doing their residency at the General," Robinson said, adding that its location mere steps from the hospital would make this the ideal living arrangement for a medical professional.

More details on the units can be found on [realtor.ca](https://www.realtor.ca).

For those who might be interested in making this vibrant piece of Hamilton their home, reach out to Robinson at [crobinson3@cogeco.ca](mailto:crobinson3@cogeco.ca) or call 905-549-6515.