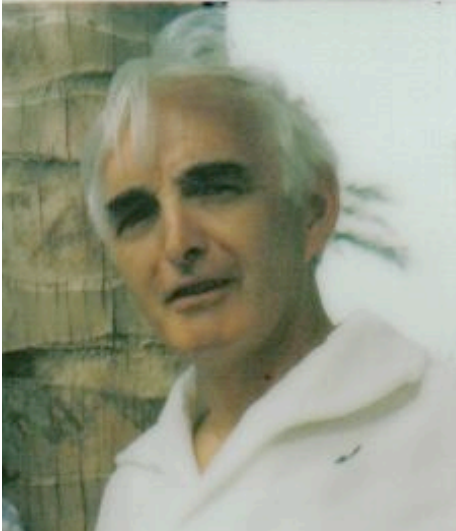


Edward (Ted) Ross, Midland Park Architect

BIOGRAPHY

Ted Ross – Born in November 1923. Ted served as a gunner in the Royal Canadian Artillery and arrived in Holland in the spring of 1945. He attended the Ontario College of Art on a scholarship



before the war. After serving in World War II, Ted enrolled at the University of Toronto to study mechanical engineering but ultimately graduated with an architecture degree in 1949. One of his greatest inspirations while studying architecture was a trip to Frank Lloyd Wright's famous "Fallingwater". Ted would go on to become a professional modern housing architect during his career and was

known to be a Modernist, but not a Bauhaus-purist.

Later, in the mid 50's Ted would design houses for developer, Curran Hall and inspired by Fallingwater, in 1959 he proudly designed the houses of Midland Park, whose backdrop was the Birkdale Ravine. This grouping of modernist houses perfectly sits atop a deep ravine overlooking Highland Creek.

In addition to designing Midland Park, Ted's credits include designing apartment towers along the Don Valley Parkway, and other modern houses located in parts of the greater Toronto area. Eventually Ted opened his own design/build firm in 1960 called Ross-Pearson Ltd. Ted partnered with ex-Curran Haller Peter Pearson, and designed and built a small subdivision in Mississauga, where he lived with his family from 1960-64.

Ted's modern designs won 10 National Design Awards from the mid 1950s to early 1960s.

After the 1963 recession, Ted's design build firm went bankrupt. He then built immense Boeing buildings in Seattle before finally settling in Ottawa in 1969. Ted retired from the Department of Indian Affairs in 1989. He lived in Ottawa from 1969 to 2004 with his wife Pamela and son, Jim. Ted passed away in June of 2004.