

Help Us Save Birds at the RBC Building - 200 Bay Street, Toronto

Here's what you need to know about bird-window collisions at this location:

The RBC towers at 200 Bay Street in Toronto continue to kill hundreds of birds each year due to collisions with its windows. Over 4,300 collisions from 93 species have been recorded at this site, including 9 Species at Risk. These 4,300+ documented collisions represent only a fraction of the birds that have collided at these towers.

Over the past 4 years, FLAP Canada, Never Collide, and Nature Canada have, on numerous occasions, jointly and individually written the owners and operators of the RBC towers, urging them to retrofit their towers to be safe for birds. In June of 2022, Colliers Canada was provided with a free BirdSafe® Building Risk Assessment, offering them the best methods for helping make their towers safe for birds.

In October 2023, FLAP Canada, Never Collide, and Nature Canada again wrote Colliers, requesting action be taken to mitigate these collisions. In March of 2024, a Colliers representative met with FLAP to tour their site and discuss steps for mitigation. Despite our continued communications requesting their follow-up, Colliers has not been heard from since.

These buildings will stand for decades to come. Without mitigative action, thousands of birds will continue to die. We believe that it is imperative for the owners and operators of the RBC towers to take immediate action to retrofit their facility to be safe for birds. We hope you do too.

Please copy the letter on the last page, and send it to the email addresses provided.

Thank you for speaking up for birds traveling through Toronto's built environment.

Together, through action, we can save birds!

- FLAP Canada



Email the letter to:

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Letter to copy:

I understand that 200 Bay Street is the headquarters for The Royal Bank of Canada, that Colliers Canada manages the property, and Pontegadea Canada is the owner of these towers.

I also understand that, from 1993 to 2022, volunteer bird collision patrollers, as well as 200 Bay Street tenants, security, and cleaning staff, have documented 4,352 dead or injured birds from 93 species that have collided at these towers, including 9 Species at Risk. I have further been informed that these 4,352 documented collisions represent only a fraction of the birds that have collided at this location. I also understand that a BirdSafe® Building Risk Assessment, offering best methods for mitigating collisions at 200 Bay Street, has been shared with the owner.

This building will stand for decades to come and will continue to kill thousands of birds.

I am requesting that bird collision mitigation measures be immediately installed up to 16m above grade on all façades requiring treatment.

Responsible building owners and operators across North America are treating their windows to mitigate bird deaths at their locations. Will you join them by making 200 Bay Street safe for birds?

I kindly request a response to this email.

Respectfully,

(Your Name)