CRYSTAL PALACE
375 Main Street
Picton Ontario

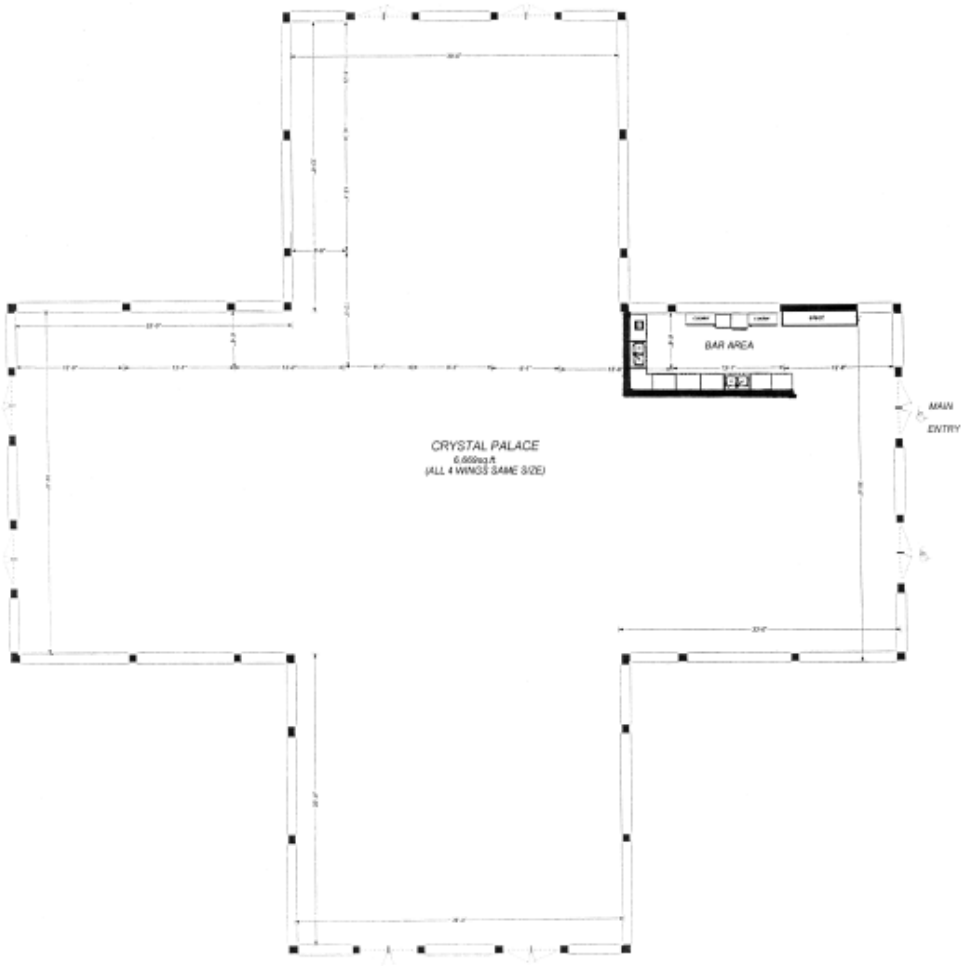
History of the Crystal Palace
The Crystal Palace, built in 1890 by F.T. Wright based on a plan by Andrew Irving, adopted its name from the original Crystal Palace created by Sir Joseph Paxton in 1851 for the Great Exhibition in London England. Paxton's design of expansive glass was inspired by his work with greenhouses. Following the Great Exhibition, "Crystal Palaces" sprang up throughout the world including New York City and in Napanee and Kingston. During the 1980s demolition of the Picton Crystal Palace was considered. The Historical Society prepared a report on the restoration of the building and in 1990 County staff began repairs under the supervision of Bert Blackford. The building re-opened in 1997 and remains one of the few original Crystal Palaces in the world.

Crystal Palace Today
Built for the Agricultural Society, the Crystal Palace remains as the main exhibition space for the Prince Edward County Fair. The Crystal Palace is the host venue for many large community events from Taste! A Culinary Experience to the County Marathon to "A Bench and a Few Good Chairs" Garden Show. The Crystal Palace is the ideal location for a wedding reception or anniversary. The Fruit Building located adjacent to the Crystal Palace provides an additional space for hosting smaller occasions or for a food venue for your event.

Crystal Palace Key Information
Seating Capacity: 350

Other Features:
Bar, Accessible, Staging

For Bookings contact the Recreation, Parks and Culture Department at 613-476-2148 or bookings@pecounty.on.ca


BAR AREA
CRYSTAL PALACE
6,669sq.ft.
(ALL 4 WINGS SAME SIZE)
MAIN
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