
COMMUNITY UPDATE

Queen's Park Reconstruction Project



About the Project

In July 2016, the Government of Ontario announced the Queen's Park Reconstruction Project (QPRP).

The QPRP involves the extensive reconstruction of the 45-year-old Macdonald Block Complex which includes the Macdonald Block Podium and the Hearst, Hepburn, Mowat and Ferguson Towers. The Complex has never undergone a major renovation and the building's core systems have reached the end of their useful life and must now be replaced.

An independent third-party expert panel recommended that reconstructing the building would achieve significant long-term cost-savings. It also advised that the entire complex will need to be vacated so the reconstruction can be completed safely, efficiently and economically in one single phase.

Early works and testing on site is now underway. Occupants of the building will move out over the course of the next two years and construction is anticipated to begin in 2019.

The QPRP also includes the rehabilitation of the Whitney Block, one of Ontario's oldest government buildings. Its windows are being replaced, the heating system is being updated and its façade will be repaired.

Infrastructure Ontario

Infrastructure Ontario (IO) provides a wide range of services to support the Ontario government's initiatives to modernize and maximize the value of public infrastructure and real estate. IO is leading the procurement process for the QPRP and will be responsible for managing the project during the design and construction phases.

More information about the project is available online at:

www.infrastructureontario.ca

Ask Us!

As the Queen's Park Reconstruction Project (QPRP) moves forward, regular updates will be issued to keep the community informed about construction activity in the area.

Do you have questions or comments? Send them to:

QPRP@infrastructureontario.ca



Project Update

Planning is well underway to prepare for reconstruction and rehabilitation work. Major milestones to date include:

- Planning & Design team selected to establish the guidelines and performance requirements for the Macdonald Block Complex reconstruction.
- Architecture and design firm selected to facilitate the relocation of Ontario government employees to three temporary locations during reconstruction.
- Site and building condition assessments are in progress across the Complex.
- Exterior hoarding has been installed and the interior demolition of 880 Bay Street is complete. The site will be used for staging for reconstruction work when required.
- Pre-qualification process complete for key contractors (general, masonry and window replacement) for the Whitney Block rehabilitation.

Please note that all artwork in public spaces will be protected when construction activities are underway in the area. You can expect to see artwork covered in protective plastic and fencing.

Upcoming Work

Test soil conditions

- Drill rigs will be on site to test soil conditions in a variety of locations across the Complex.
- Work will begin in December and will occur during the daytime on weekdays. Some construction noise may be heard.

Assess exterior walls

- A small drone will be used to conduct a survey of the exterior Complex walls during two weekends in December.
 - This work is not expected to be noisy but will result in some pedestrian restrictions around the Complex during the weekends of December 10 and 17.
 - There will also be intermittent, short-term lane traffic closures on Bay St. and Wellesley St. while the drone is in flight. Toronto police officers will be on-site to direct traffic.
- In early 2017, workers using a suspended work platform (similar to those used by window washers) will tap on the stone walls of each tower and the podium building. This work will occur during the daytime on weekdays. Intermittent light hammering may be heard.

880 Bay Street demolition

- Exterior demolition work at 880 Bay is underway with window and brick removal. Some construction noise may be heard during weekdays as the demolition continues.