

COMMUNITY UPDATE

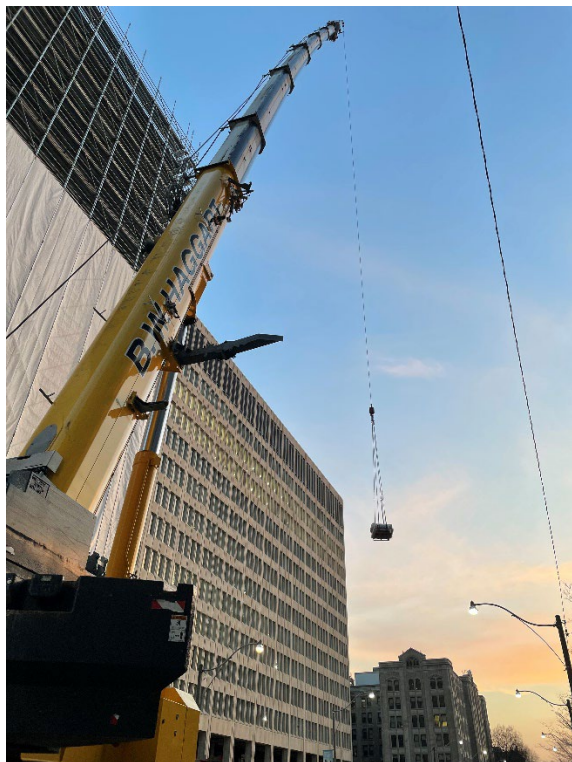
Macdonald Block Reconstruction Project

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Since the last Community Update, issued March 2023, we are pleased to share recent highlights of the Macdonald Block Reconstruction Project.

Recent Construction Activity

The Macdonald Block Reconstruction (MBR) Project continues to progress through important reconstruction and heritage preservation milestones aimed at modernizing the complex, while preserving the integrity of the building and its original design.



Pictured: A mobile crane lifts materials to the roof of the Hearst tower.

This spring, the team conducted two major crane lifts which required the closure of Wellesley Street West. The closures enabled the safe operation of a mobile crane on the roadway to lift roofing materials and structural steel to the roof of the Hearst tower.

Demolition also began to update the parking ramp and loading docks located alongside Grosvenor Street. This work is expected to carry on into the fall season.

In collaboration with our partners, we strive to schedule disruptive work during daytime hours wherever possible and thank the community for their patience as we undertake careful planning to minimize the impact of construction on the neighbourhood with your safety top of mind.

Exterior Restoration

With the summer months upon us, crews are beginning to work on landscaping around the grounds of the building.

The scaffolding and white tarps wrapped around the towers create a protective shell that enables workers to safely execute restoration of the complex's limestone exterior.

Throughout the summer, the community can expect to see the beginnings of scaffolding being removed from the Hearst and Hepburn towers.



Pictured: The Hearst building in the top left corner is wrapped in scaffolding and tarping as progress continues on the podium green roof.

Heritage restoration and window installation, a major scope of work on this project, continues to progress steadily.

Did you know? In total, the exterior building restoration includes the replacement and installation of energy efficient windows which are critical to the efficient performance of the restored buildings.

More Information

If you have questions related to site construction activities, please contact: MBRproject@pcl.com.

Information about the Macdonald Block Reconstruction Project is available on [Infrastructure Ontario's website](#).

For questions or comments related to the reconstruction of the Macdonald Block Complex or the rehabilitation of the Whitney

Block, please contact:
QPRP@infrastructureontario.ca.

About the Project

The Macdonald Block Complex is the administrative hub of Ontario government operations. It consists of five buildings: four office towers connected by a two-storey podium. Completed in 1971, the Macdonald Block Complex has never undergone a major renovation.

The reconstruction project is updating all core building systems, including electrical, water, cooling and heating, which have reached the end of their useful life and must be replaced. Office accommodations will also be enhanced for modern accessibility standards.

Each building in the complex is being taken back to its original building core, remediated and rebuilt using modern technologies, systems and materials while preserving the integrity of its many heritage features.

The newly reconstructed complex will meet current building, health, safety, and accessibility standards and will accommodate significantly more employees through more efficient use of this government-owned office space. Construction is scheduled to be substantially complete in the spring of 2024, with staged occupancy beginning soon after that.

