

COMMUNITY UPDATE

Queen's Park Reconstruction Project



Project Update

Planning is underway to prepare for the reconstruction of the Macdonald Block Complex. Occupants of the building will move out over the next two years and construction is anticipated to begin in 2019. Progress to date includes:

- Documenting the character-defining elements of the Macdonald Block's architecture and landscape.
- The former provincial office building at 880 Bay Street has been demolished to the ground level.
- Unmanned aerial vehicles (drones) equipped with thermal cameras scanned the exterior walls of the complex for air leakage and elevated moisture levels.

Upcoming Work

Here's what to expect over the next few months as planning for reconstruction continues.

- **Exterior wall assessments:** Workers using a suspended work platform (similar to those used by window washers) will assess the stone walls of the Macdonald Block towers. This work will occur during the daytime on weekdays. Some light hammering and/or grinding noise may be heard. Safety fencing will be installed around the perimeter of the complex and overhead protection will be set up at entranceways.
- **Geotechnical survey (e.g., testing soil conditions):** Crews will continue to test soil conditions using a drill rig along the perimeter of the complex. Work will occur during daytime hours only.
- **880 Bay Street site:** Site clean-up is underway during daytime work hours. This includes compacting crushed concrete to backfill and grade the site. Asphalt will be installed later this spring. Once complete, the site will be used as a storage area for construction equipment and supplies for the Macdonald Block Reconstruction Project.

About the Project

In July 2016, the Government of Ontario announced the Queen's Park Reconstruction Project (QPRP), an initiative that involves the extensive reconstruction of the Macdonald Block Complex and the rehabilitation of the Whitney Block. Infrastructure Ontario is leading the QPRP procurement process and will be responsible for managing the project during design and construction.

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