



# COMMUNITY UPDATE

## Macdonald Block Reconstruction Project

### Recent Highlights

We are pleased to report that several important milestones have been achieved and the project is transitioning from demolition to revitalization.

- Small sections of the tarped scaffolding on the Ferguson and Mowat buildings will start to come down this month, revealing completed portions of the revitalized limestone exterior.
- By late Fall 2021, the tarped scaffolding will start to transition to the Hearst and Hepburn buildings.
- 50% of the B1 parking garage floor has been removed and new concrete is being placed in this area.
- New window installation has begun on level 10 of the Ferguson building.

Since the last Community Update in May, road closures occurred in order to receive and hoist major equipment needed for the buildings'



new mechanical and electrical infrastructure. A 400-ton crane was assembled on Wellesley Street West utilizing a 90-ton crane to lift four new cooling towers onto the roof of the Ferguson building.

The operation was completed safely ahead of schedule. With the heaviest lift coming in at 16,000 lbs., the pieces were raised in sections prior to assembly on the roof.

This work marks the successful completion of months' worth of planning and careful project delivery.

We thank you for your patience and we will keep you updated on future activities that could impact the community.



### Minimizing Construction Noise

We remain committed to minimizing the impact of construction for the surrounding community, our neighbours and stakeholders.



Based on feedback, we are striving to reduce noise and bright lights onsite, including shutting down the heaters used to help cure exterior masonry work, which are adjacent to the roadways, at 9 p.m. each evening.

### Safety

The safety and well-being of our essential employees, workforce and our community remain our highest priority. We continue to enhance our safety measures with stringent procedures in place for screening, personal hygiene, personal protective equipment, physical distancing and cleaning practices to reduce possibility COVID-19 transmission.



**1,012,300**

Worker hours to date without an LTI (as of May 31/21)

### Industry Safety Milestone

Thanks to everyone's commitment to safety on the project, we have achieved over one million hours of work to date with zero recordable injuries!

### Highlights to date:

- 1,012,300 worker hours without a lost time injury (as of May 31, 2021)
- 400 – average number of workers currently on site daily
- 15,600 pre-safety inspections
- 2,340 site safety orientations
- 280 safety inspections

### More Information

If you have questions related to site construction activities, please contact: [MBRproject@pcl.com](mailto:MBRproject@pcl.com).

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

For questions or comments related to the overall Queen's Park Reconstruction Project, involving the reconstruction of the Macdonald Block and the rehabilitation of the Whitney Block, please contact: [QPRP@infrastructureontario.ca](mailto: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 will update 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 will be 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 expected to be substantially complete in the spring of 2024, with staged occupancy beginning soon after that.

