



CITY COUNCIL BUILDING REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT FAQ'S

Q#1 - Why are renovations to City Hall Required?

- The City Hall Council Building was constructed in 1964 and is over 50 years old.
- As with any older building, it is necessary to perform upgrades to systems and building envelopes (roof, windows, insulation, masonry, fire and alarm systems, asbestos abatement, and so on).
- Two administrative reports have identified the need to upgrade the building for life safety and building life-cycle purposes.
- Work has been carried out in the Administration Building and the Courtyard over the past several years (and it is time to address the needed work in the Council Building).
- The work required is similar to the work recently undertaken at the Provincial Legislative Building.
- Timely redevelopment and replacement of building systems will result in reduced life-cycle technical maintenance costs.
- The City is committed to ensuring that this public building is maintained and that elected officials, staff and the public have a safe environment to use.

Q#2: How long will the renovations take?

- A phased approach is being used to limit the inconvenience to the occupants and to the public. Repairs are expected to be complete in late 2017.

Q#3: How much \$ has been spent to date?

- \$50,000 has been spent to date in the development of a universal access washroom

Q#4: Has this \$ been designated through existing budgets?

- Yes – the \$4.1m has
- An additional \$2M is forecast for the 2016 and 2017 Budgets (\$1M /year)

Q#5: How can this expenditure be justified during such a challenging budget year?

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- Now it is time to address the needed work in the Council Building.
- The work required is similar to the work recently undertaken at the Provincial Legislative Building.
- Timely redevelopment / replacement of building systems results in reduced life-cycle technical maintenance costs.
- We are compelled to ensure that this public building is maintained and that elected officials and staff have a safe and functional work environment in which to do their jobs.

Q#6: How long will the renovations take?

- Since the Council Building is a functioning area with limited extra space, temporarily relocating the occupants to undertake the repairs and renovations all at once is not an option.
- Therefore, a phased approach is being used to limit the inconvenience to the occupants and to the public.
- The repairs and redevelopment is expected to be completed by the 4th Quarter of 2017.