



Civic Administration Building— Project Update #3 (CAB) Project Update

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Construction Continues on Cambridge's New Civic Administration Building

Staff Tours of CAB.

Are you curious to see what the new Civic Administration Building (CAB) will look like when the construction is finally complete? Why not take a look at it now and get a feel for how things are shaping up while it's still under construction?

Every Friday staff tours are hosted at the new CAB site between 2:00 and 3:00pm. Bob Paul and/or Slobodanka Lekic will be your tour guides. Would you like to take part in the next one?

Please contact Joy Viveen and she will make sure you get added to the tour schedule. Generally between 4 and 6 staff take part in each tour.

If you've already been on the tour, feel free to go again. It's amazing to see how quickly the work gets completed since the last time you were on site. Safety shoes/hats/vest may be provided. The following photos taken by John Avery) depict the progress that has been made on site (since April '06).



CAB Construction Remains On Time and On Budget

Construction of the new CAB building is continuing on time and on budget, and is progressing well, according to City staff Slobodanka Lekic. The project is currently 45% complete (as of January 15, 2007).

A major milestone took place on December 31, 2006 as the skylight installation on the CAB was finished. The entire building has now been temporarily enclosed in order to protect it from the elements, and to allow construction to continue throughout the winter months.

Ms. Lekic stated that as per the City's contract with Vanbots Construction, the general contractor of the CAB, construction completion is scheduled for December 17, 2007, and the official start date for all staff will be January 21, 2008 (as of that date all staff, furniture, etc. will have been moved over to the new site and City operations will commence 100% in the new CAB).

If there are items that you would like to see profiled in future issues of this newsletter please e-mail Bob Paul or Slobodanka Lekic.

CAB Goes Green

Planting on roofs is one of the most innovative and fast-developing fields within horticulture and the built environment. Some of the common public benefits of a green roof are: improved air quality, stormwater management (quality and quantity), reduction of the urban heat island effect, and noise reduction and aesthetics. The new CAB will have a green roof, which can be viewed from the 4th floor. The special roofing system, growing medium, and vegetation will be installed early this fall. Plant material will consist of a variety of sedums, grasses and other drought resistant perennials.

CAB Furniture To Be Selected Soon

The City's Purchasing Department will soon be putting out a proposal on behalf of the CAB's furniture Selection Committee. The committee has spent the last few months researching and investigating the current office furniture trends and market conditions.

The committee consists of Pam Kent, Purchasing; Ecee Read, Public Works; Joy Viveen, CSD; Yvonne Wilson, Human Resources; Lina Veglia, Mayor/Council; Slobodanka Lekic, Arch. Design Technologist; Bob Paul, Director of Facilities; Branka Gazibara, Diamond and Schmitt Architects; John Avery, Manager of Purchasing. A proposal is expected to be issued in early Feb. for the supply/installation of office systems furniture for

50 Dickson St. This would include furniture for all workstations within view of the public counters, as well as those within partitioned offices. Staff within walled offices will be taking their existing furniture to the new CAB. Criteria for the award of the contract includes: economics (price), quality (warranties, repair etc.), functionality (ergonomics, storage, adaptability), design (colour availability, appeal, works with new bldg. design), delivery (lead/install times), LEED (meets LEED criteria) work station panels (sound masking, wiring adaptability), location (Canadian content). The cte. will select the best quality furniture, with the best use of public funds.