
2014 CAPITAL BUDGET BRIEFING NOTE

Facilities Management - Nathan Phillips Square Revitalization Project Update

Issue/Background:

- The purpose of this briefing note is to provide an update on the status of the Nathan Phillips Square Revitalization project to inform the 2014 Budget process.

Key Points:

- The Nathan Phillips Square Revitalization project includes: a new rooftop garden on the City Hall podium roof; a new public skate pavilion and concession building; a larger and enhanced Peace Garden at a new location in the western landscaped area of the Square; children's playground equipment replacement; a seasonal disappearing water fountain featuring jets in the centre of NPS; a new permanent theatre stage structure with a roof canopy; a redesigned landscape around the edges of the Square and west side; a variety of sustainable design achievements linked to Toronto's Green Standard; and upgrading the existing concrete block building at the corner of Queen and Bay Streets.
- Staff provided an update on the status of the NPSR project to the Government Management Committee (GMC) at its meeting on April 8th, 2013 (See link to report - <http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2013/gm/bgrd/backgroundfile-56842.pdf>)
- Since this update all major elements of phases 1 and 2 have been completed.
- The contract for the final phases of work was awarded in August and includes: landscaping along Queen and Bay and upgrades to the rabbit stairs leading to the under ground parking garage at Queen and Bay.
- Construction has commenced on these final phases, scheduled for completion by the end of 2014.
- Previously approved funding in the amount of \$2.0 million included in the 2014 Capital Budget & 2015 - 2023 Capital Plan, along with carry-forward funding expected from 2013, will be sufficient to complete the NPSR project. No additional funding is required for this project.
- The revitalized Nathan Phillips Square will be able to accommodate a variety of events, allow parents to bring their children to enjoy activities and shows and provide green-space in downtown Toronto. As the City prepares to host the 2015 PanAm and Para PanAm Games, the

revitalized, open green-space will be ideal for public gatherings, holding events, welcoming visiting dignitaries and showcasing the City's cultural heritage, quality of life and economic achievements.

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