

New Toronto

Courthouse



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Design Development and Construction

The last round of design development consultations for the new Toronto courthouse is now complete. The justice participants involved in these sessions included:

- Ontario Court of Justice judiciary
- Courts Services Division
- Criminal Law Division
- Victims and Vulnerable Persons Division
- Probation and Parole
- Federal Crown
- Legal Aid Ontario
- Aboriginal Legal Services
- Toronto Police Service
- Ontario Provincial Police
- Royal Canadian Mounted Police
- Bar associations
- Toronto Bail Program
- Specialty court groups (mental health, youth, Indigenous persons court and drug treatment court)
- Heritage Interpretation Working Group
- Accessibility Working Group
- Indigenous Advisory Group

The input the project designers have received during this process is invaluable, and will ensure that the new courthouse meets the needs of everyone who works, attends court, and visits the new facility.

With the conclusion of the design development phase of the project, the next phase begins, including the completion of construction documents. The project team will continue to meet with justice participants during this phase to discuss items like furniture and finishes.

Upcoming Milestones

- September 2018: Completion of design development and start of construction documentation phase
- Fall 2018: Construction start
- November 2018: Justice participant review of courtroom/Court Services counter mock-ups

IO Construction Updates

Construction on the NTC project is about to begin in earnest. In order to keep justice participants, neighbours, and the public informed about site activities, EllisDon and IO will be providing regular construction updates, which will be posted on IO's [website](#), along with time-lapse photos of the site. More information will be available soon.

Courtroom and Counter Mock-ups

The construction phase of the new Toronto courthouse will include the review of full-scale mock-ups of a standard criminal courtroom and Court Services public counter. The mock-ups will play an important role in the construction process, as they will allow justice participants to view, interact with, and give feedback on significant courthouse elements.

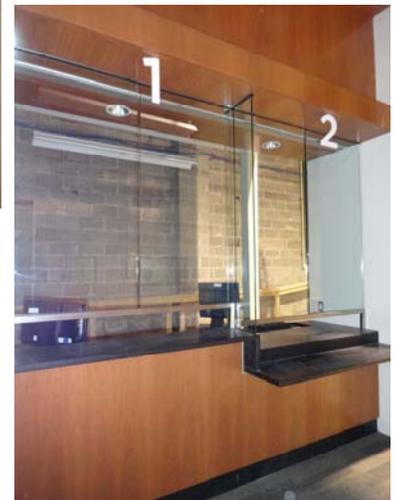
The courtroom mock-up allows justice participants to “test-run” various features of the courtroom, such as finishes, functionality, sightlines, technology, ergonomics and barrier-free accessibility. This includes the judge’s dais, staff workspaces, witness box, prisoner box, counsel tables and lecterns, and the public rail.

The Court Services counter mock-up will demonstrate materials, signage, staff storage and millwork, counter heights, sightlines, barrier-free accessibility, speaking ports and audibility. All public counters in the new courthouse will mirror the Court Services counter with respect to construction and features.

The NTC mock-ups will be located in a warehouse in the GTA and are expected to be ready by November 2018. Justice participants will be advised in advance of when the mock-ups will be available.



Thunder Bay Courthouse courtroom mock-up



Waterloo Region Courthouse public counter mock-up

<<< SITE UPDATE >>>

- Operational care and control of the site has been turned over to EllisDon, and their site mobilization plans are advancing.
- The Armoury Street watermain upgrade with new service connections to the site is now complete.
- Planning for a new hoarding art display is underway, to be installed in early 2019.



View from intersection of Armoury and Chestnut Streets, July 2018

Ask Us!

Your questions are important to us.

Using the subject header "NTC Project", please send your questions to Cary Mignault:

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