

# New Toronto

## Courthouse



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## NTC Courthouse Updates: Keeping You Informed!

Welcome to the very first New Toronto Courthouse Update! The Facilities Management Branch looks forward to keeping you informed of NTC-related news in these updates, which will be issued quarterly.

### Request for Proposals (RFP)

On October 31, Infrastructure Ontario (IO) and the Ministry of the Attorney General (MAG) issued an RFP to two prequalified teams to design, build, finance and maintain the NTC:

#### Plenary Justice:

Architects: WZMH Architects, Perkins Eastman, and CGL Ricci Greene

Constructor: PCL Constructors Canada Inc.

Facilities Management: Johnson Controls Inc.

Financial Advisor: TD Securities Inc.

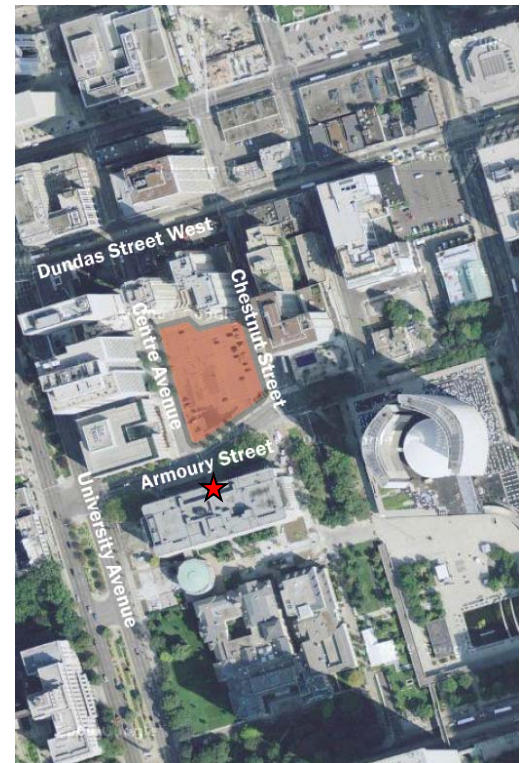
#### Ellis Don Infrastructure:

Architects: NORR Ltd, and Renzo Piano Building Workshop

Constructor: EllisDon Design Build Inc.

Facilities Management: EllisDon Facilities Service Inc., and SNC Lavalin

Financial Advisor: EllisDon Capital Inc.



IO and MAG will evaluate the submissions, select a preferred bidder and then negotiate a final contract. The successful bidder is expected to be announced in fall 2017—at which point they will be referred to as “ProjectCo.”

## Heritage Interpretation Working Group

In early 2016, IO convened a Heritage Interpretation Working Group (HIWG), with representation from the Ontario Black History Society, the Multicultural History Society of Ontario, Heritage Toronto and City of Toronto Heritage Preservation Services, among several others, to provide an open forum to seek consultation and advice on the heritage planning for the site.

The Working Group's recommendations will inform the final Heritage Interpretation Plan, which will form part of the scope of the overall NTC project. As part of the municipal approvals for the NTC, the Heritage Interpretation Plan will be reviewed and approved by the City of Toronto.

## Archaeology on the NTC Site

Located on Armoury Street, directly behind New City Hall, the NTC site was once a part of Toronto's first immigrant settlement, called St. John's Ward (the Ward).

During painstakingly detailed work throughout much of 2015, archaeologists recovered and documented thousands of artifacts dating back to the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries: Leather shoes, women's hosiery, perfume and nail polish bottles, smoking pipes, children's toys and ceramic kitchenware, along with the foundations of a British Methodist Episcopal Church and several residential buildings and businesses.

"The sheer magnitude of what was there — I don't think we'll find a comparable project in Ontario, and definitely not in Toronto," said Holly Martelle, IO's archaeological consultant on the project and principal of Timmins Martelle Heritage Consultants Inc.

The research and analysis of this intriguing site and its artifacts will continue for many years.



The cornerstone of the British Methodist Episcopal Church



The Ward in 1919. Photo: Toronto Archives

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Activities now underway at the NTC include:

- **Shoring.** This work will stabilize the perimeter of the site and allow for the recovery of the British Methodist Episcopal church foundations prior to turning over the site to ProjectCo.
  - The existing limestone foundations will be salvaged and stored while the Heritage Interpretation Plan comes together
- **Picturing the Ward.** Heritage-based artwork was installed in late November on the hoarding surrounding the site. The official unveiling was held on December 8, 2016
- **Water main upgrade** at Armoury Street. IO is working with the City utility to replace the existing century old water main with a new line designed to service the NTC
- **Municipal address confirmation.** The NTC's address has officially been changed from 11 Centre Avenue to **10 Armoury Street**

### Infrastructure Ontario and the AFP Process

You may wonder why the New Toronto Courthouse (NTC) is referred to as an Alternative Financing and Procurement (AFP) project. AFP is an innovative way of financing and procuring large public infrastructure projects. AFP makes the best use of private-sector resources and expertise to provide on-time, on-budget project delivery.

In 2005, the provincial government established Infrastructure Ontario (IO), a Crown corporation. IO is dedicated to the renewal of the province's hospitals, courthouses and other essential public assets. Ensuring appropriate public control and ownership, Infrastructure Ontario uses the AFP model to rebuild vital infrastructure across the province.

IO is working closely with MAG to develop the NTC. For more information about Infrastructure Ontario and the projects it manages visit [www.infrastructureontario.ca](http://www.infrastructureontario.ca).

### Consulting with Justice Participants

Justice participant consultations have been an important part of the NTC project since the planning phase began in 2015. MAG's Facilities Management Branch (FMB) and Infrastructure Ontario will continue to work closely with NTC justice participants to ensure that the new courthouse design meets their needs. This work will continue throughout the design process in 2017.

## 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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