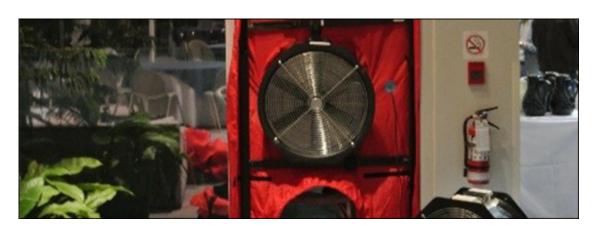


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BLOWER DOOR TEST --- SAVE THE DATE: FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 2019



The OAA Headquarters is striving for zero net carbon performance, and ensuring airtightness is a part of that. If you have ever wanted to see a blower door test in action, your chance is coming early in the new year. A blower door test has been scheduled for Friday, January 18, 2019, and you're invited.

As construction continues to be underway, be prepared to bring your hard hat, safety shoes and a lawn chair to 111 Moatfield Drive in Toronto! More details will come in *OAA News* during the first week of January. Space will be limited.



For the OAA Headquarters, the glazing is a key component of achieving the zero net carbon retrofit goal. Windows can be responsible for up to 40 per cent of the total heating, cooling and lighting energy consumption. By undertaking an envelope upgrade and installing View's Dynamic Glass product, the windows will improve the building's energy efficiency. Compared to traditional low-emissivity (low-e) glazing, the glass is expected to reduce the building's peak load by about 23 per cent!

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CONSTRUCTION SHIFTS TO INTERIORS



Third floor, southwest view.

Throughout the summer to early fall, much of the work on the OAA Headquarters focused on the mechanical systems. Interior spaces are now taking shape quickly. These include the second-floor boardroom, meeting rooms and atrium café space, in addition to the open offices and meeting/collaborative spaces on the third floor.

Additionally, the implementation of the geothermal system also continued with the installation of the piping system, as well as the third-floor mechanical room.

The construction schedule maintains the originally anticipated 12-month timeline with a 'move-back-in' date of February 2019.

ART PROGRAM CONSULTATION WRAPS



The OAA's art program consultants, Carlyle Design Associates and Catherine Williams Fine Art Consultants Inc., have explored options for establishing a purposeful collection of artwork and/or architectural artifacts for display in the renovated building. Over the summer, they presented their ideas to the OAA Art Program Sub-Committee and had discussions with the Building Committee in September. The final report and recommendations were presented to Council at the November meeting.

Three priority projects were identified to schedule with the move back into the building. These include reframing selected images from the original 1992 opening exhibit, a videoscreen wall in the atrium and a Presidents' Wall in the foyer, displaying the names of past presidents of the Association.

For more information about the OAA Headquarters' Renew + Refresh project, click here.

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