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OAA BUILDING PROJECT NEARING COMPLETION



An apron has been installed on the OAA Headquarters, allowing work to proceed on the exterior.

As spring approaches, the OAA Headquarters' Renew & Refresh project is nearing completion. There has been some slippage in the schedule due to the original buffer being lost at the beginning of the project. As well, there were some winter weather impacts.

While progress continues, a decision has been made by the Building Committee and OAA Executive Director Kristi Doyle to delay the previously scheduled date for the move back to 111 Moatfield Drive. As there had been some concern raised in terms of meeting the occupancy requirements, including the fire safety testing, the return to the OAA Headquarters has been pushed to May 1. In the meantime, staff and Council will continue to operate at the temporary location at 1 Duncan Mill, just up the street.

Additional work on the soffits will take place after the move back to the Headquarters, as well as asphalt and landscape repair and installation of the Morgan Solar photovoltaics (PVs).

Check out the ongoing timeline of the project posted on the OAA Website.

BLOWER DOOR TEST TO BE HELD IN APRIL



Blower door test preparation.

Commercial blower door testing was recommended to validate energy models and potentially form part of the envelope design specifications. As part of the OAA Building Renew + Refresh project, the National Research Council (NRC) and its consultant, the Blue Green Group, will be conducting a blower door test for 111 Moatfield next month. Stay tuned to a future issue of *OAA News* for details.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE OAA HQ REFRESH + RENEW PROJECT



When considering your Continuing Education options at the 2019 OAA Annual Conference in Quebec City, be sure to consider the session being offered regarding the building project.

On Friday, May 24, from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm, members of the design team and the owner's representative will present "The Road to Net Zero: The OAA HQ Update and Lessons Learned." The talk will examine the project's final design and preliminary results. How does it measure up against the performance metrics? What strategies and designs are valuable for implementation on other projects? How satisfied are occupants with their new space? And the ultimate question: Was it worth it?

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

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