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Museum to Remain Open to the Public During Renovations

The Peterborough Museum & Archives (PMA) is getting a significant facelift this spring. The Museum's entryway, lobby, stairwell, public reading room and temporary gallery space will be transformed into fresher and friendlier spaces for visitors.

The design of the new spaces was completed by Peterborough-based, Lett Architects Inc. and construction by Mortlock Construction Inc. began on April 19th. The construction is scheduled to be complete by early July.

According to Paul Monks of Lett Architects Inc., "The approach of the design is based on the desire to present the facility in a new and dynamic way. We wanted to create a distinctive space that translates exactly what a museum of substance means to our community. We are trying to achieve a space that is strong, cohesive, contemporary and indicative of the first-class facility the museum is. Technology is introduced as part of the flexibility and functionality, giving the museum a wider variety of displays to be shown to the public.

When announcing Canadian Heritage's support for the project in November 2009, MP Dean Del Mastro stated, "I am thrilled by our Government's support of such an important part of the City of Peterborough. Our community is well-served by the Museum & Archives and their ability to share our collective stories and celebrate our history."

Museum Director, Susan Neale notes that, "Through the renovation, the museum will be able to increase its capacity to display collections while encouraging learning. Through its temporary exhibition program, the museum literally brings the world to Peterborough."

The total cost of the project is \$225,000, with \$125,000 coming from the City of Peterborough and \$100,000 from the Department of Canadian Heritage.

The Peterborough Museum & Archives will remain open to the public during renovations. Anyone concerned about how construction might impact their planned visit should call the Museum at 743-5180.

This information is also available on our City of Peterborough website at www.peterborough.ca.

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