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Smiths Falls Moves Ahead with Phase II of Town Hall Renovations
Enhancements will result in better service delivery and building preservation

Smiths Falls – The Town of Smiths Falls has begun work on Phase II of the historic Town Hall renovation project, which will include a new and inviting customer service area for the public.

“Renovating Town Hall is an important project for the Town and is long overdue,” said Shawn Pankow, Mayor of Smiths Falls. “The modernization of our Town Hall building will be good for the environment, good for heritage preservation, and good for the residents of Smiths Falls.”

Phase two of the project – which is expected to cost just over \$3 million dollars – includes creating a new customer service area, and renovations to the lower floor of the north building which currently houses town staff. The project also includes brick replacement and stabilization of the fire hose drying tower, a new back-up generator, and a new roof to protect the heritage building originally constructed in 1859.

The construction work is being completed by Bourgon Construction, who was awarded the contract following an open bid process. Construction is expected to be complete in Summer 2020.

During construction, residents can access Town services through the black door on the Beckwith Street frontage, near Church Street. The Welcome Centre, at the other end of the building, will also be accessible during construction. All other entry points to the building will be closed for the duration of the project. Parking will still be available in front of the building, and additional stalls have been added at the rear of the building to accommodate for space lost due to construction activity. Appropriate signage will be placed at the front of the building to help direct residents during this time.

In July of 2018, Phase I of the project was completed with the opening of the Welcome Centre, which houses town staff, as well as the Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Business Association.

This project was identified as a key priority in the Town's [2019-2022 Strategic Plan](#).

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