



Cranbrook RCMP Renovation Project – Information Sheet

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The City of Cranbrook, in partnership with RCMP, will be pushing forward with a project to address critical deficiencies identified in a recent building review report. This initiative comes after significant investments in the prisoner cell area, with the remaining portions of the building having seen minimal upgrades over the past 40 years.

Through an architect's condition assessment, the notable findings are that the building requires structural interventions to address sagging roof slabs, foundation deficiencies, the requirement of sprinklers, fire rating and separation requirements in many rooms, as well as meeting drug processing requirements. The building is also non-compliant with barrier-free access, and a comprehensive renovation plan is necessary to meet the security requirements outlined in the RCMP Property Management Manual, mandated by the municipal policing agreement between the city and the RCMP.

Three options were presented to Council for consideration on Monday, December 11, 2023. The chosen project balances priorities, budget, and long-term planning goals.

The project will include removing approximately 40% of the roof and installing structural steel down to new footings, adding additional steel rafters and roof deck assembly. There will be a renovation and addition to the operational and public area, aligning with the standards outlined by the RCMP. Another significant component is making the building more energy efficient with building envelope and HVAC upgrades.

The renovation encompasses many elements to meet accessibility standards, RCMP standards, and the building will be upgraded to current building codes, providing the city with a quality asset that will effectively serve the community for the foreseeable future.

The total construction budget is \$9,975,000, including a 25% contingency to account for unforeseen circumstances. The RCMP will contribute approximately 24.9% of the total budget, resulting in a net cost to the city of \$7,525,140.

By undertaking these upgrades, City of Cranbrook is demonstrating its commitment to a city asset's safety, law enforcement and long-term sustainability.

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