



Trustee
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Dear York Memorial Parents, Guardians, Community Members, and Alumni:

I would like to share with you the following update from Craig Snider, Acting Associate Director of Business Operations and Service Excellence regarding York Memorial CI:

York Memorial Update

Our efforts to stabilize and protect the site since the Fire of May 6 and 7 continue. At this point in time, no decision has been made with regards to repair or reconstruction as we are still awaiting further information. In May, trustees passed a motion asking the Director to present a report at the September 2019 meeting of the Finance, Budget, and Enrolment Committee that would include a damage assessment and information re: the feasibility of repair or reconstruction.

The following is a brief update:

- *TDSB Administrative buildings (2 Trethewey and Annex) are being remediated. Re-occupation is planned for October 2019.*
- *The York Memorial gym flooring has been removed and the gym is now being used as a staging area. There is currently no electricity to the gym, pool and City programming rooms. Discussions and planning are underway with City officials who have recently raised an interest in remediating the gym in order to have it operational for City programming on a temporary basis.*
- *York Memorial school:*
 - *The front wall of building is being stabilized.*
 - *Heritage features have been removed from the building in accordance to our heritage architect, heritage restoration experts, and Toronto Building and Heritage Preservation Services, including the exterior and some of the interior doors, auditorium glass, memorabilia, art works, and mouldings. They have been packed and moved to safe storage.*

- *Continued removal of heritage transoms, sills and other features in order to protect from future demolition.*
- *Fire debris removal throughout the building continues.*
- *Hoarding was approved by the City on August 6 and will be installed within the next three weeks.*
- *Due to health and safety concerns, access into certain sections of the buildings is still limited and requires full personal protection, including a mask, helmet, gloves and suit.*
- Security services remain at the scene and may be re-assessed following the hoarding installation.

We anxiously await the Director's report at the September 2019 Finance, Budget, and Enrollment Committee on York Memorial. Please stay tuned for further updates.

Regards,

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