

**TO:** Business Board

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**AGENDA ITEM:** 14

**ITEM IDENTIFICATION:**

**Creation of a new Centre for Collaborative Interactive Digital Media at the Bahen Centre.**

**JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:**

Pursuant to Section 5.2. (b) of its Terms of Reference, the Business Board approves Expenditures for, and the execution of, approved Capital Projects.

**PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:**

None.

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

The goal of the project is to create an internationally renewed interactive digital media centre to facilitate collaborative research and production through congregation of computer scientists, engineers, scholars and artists.

The construction of the proposed project will occur in two phases. The first phase, the structural infill of the two floor levels will commence in May 2010 with a projected occupancy by September 2010. The second phase, the interior renovation will begin in May 2011 with occupancy by January 2012.

The infill will be 3100 gross sq. ft. and the renovations will impact approximately 900 gross sq. ft.

**FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:**

The total project cost is estimated to be \$3.2M, with an average construction cost of \$187/sq ft.

**RISK IMPLICATIONS:**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Be it resolved

Subject to Governing Council approval of the project,

THAT the Vice-President, Business Affairs be authorized to execute

the construction of a new centre for Collaborative Interactive Digital Media at the Bahen Centre at a total project cost of \$3,2M, subject to availability of the necessary funds. The final funding is planned to be as follows:

Canadian Foundation for Innovation (CFI)	\$1.5M
Ontario Research Fund (ORF)	\$1.5M
Faculty of Arts & Science	\$0.2M