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University College Revitalization (Revised Phase 1) and Croft Chapter House (Phase 2): Additional Project Scope

On October 29, 2015, the Report of the Project Planning Committee for the University College Revitalization (Revised Phase 1) and Croft Chapter House (Phase 2) dated September 8, 2015 was approved by Governing Council. The combined Project scope of Phases 1 and 2 included the design and renovation of approximately 985 net assignable square metres (nasm) or 1,266 gross square metres (gsm) as follows:

Phase 1 – Re-establish the Library within East and West Hall & Improve Accessibility

Design Only

• Design for a café and lounge space on the Third Floor of University College's central tower, with links to the relocated library in East and West Halls. Implementation not included.

Design & Implementation

- Creation of the new Library reading room and support spaces to be located in the West Hall and adjacent central tower rooms;
- Creation of the new Library collections room and mezzanine to be located in the East Hall;
- Installation of a limited use/limited application elevator (LULA) in the central tower of the College's front (southern) wing, and additional accessible upgrades to improve access to the building;
- Addition of and upgrade to air-conditioning and ventilation to service the East and West Halls, including infrastructure for future service to additional areas of the College.

Phase 2 – Create Croft Chapter House Conference Centre and associated rooms

In January, 2016, Kohn Shnier Architects and ERA Architects were retained as consultants for Phases 1 & 2 of the University College Revitalization. The Project is currently at the end of the Design Development stage. At the April 14, 2016 meeting of the CaPS Executive Committee, the request to include additional scope and consultant fees associated with these scope changes were approved.

The following changes to the project scope approved in principle included:

a) Renovation and restoration of two classrooms (originally included as part of Phase 4 of the Taylor Hazell Report);



- b) Upgrade to a full service elevator from a proposed limited-use, limited-access lift (LULA);
- c) Construction of the Third Floor Café; and,
- d) Design resolution of Secondary Effects related to these changes in project scope.

Details of the proposed changes are as follows:

a) **Renovation and restoration of two classrooms:** UC179 & UC179A, a 108 seat tiered lecture hall and its support space, and UC A101, a 66 seat flat floor classroom (+200 nasm combined) (248 gsm)

Concurrent to the planning of the revitalization project is the proposal to move the School of Public Policy & Governance (SPPG) into the Laidlaw Wing at University College that will be vacated as a result of relocating the Library into the renovated East (Collections) and West (Reading Room) Halls.

The move would consolidate SPPG facilities (with classrooms currently housed in the 3rd floor of the Laidlaw Wing as well as in the Canadiana Building) and allow the School to make use of the historic and common UC spaces for events and programming. In order to accommodate the School's program, access to two of UC's main classrooms is required; UC179 and A101 have been identified as suitable due to their proximity and size.

The two classrooms identified will remain under Academic & Campus Events (ACE) but will require renovation and upgrades in order to meet SPPG's needs; they are also in the vicinity of the Croft Chapter House and there has been a desire to include them as part of the resources of the future Conference Centre. They also require renovation to fulfill the heritage and accessibility goals that UC has mandated for its spaces. UC and its affiliated Programs, Centres, and Schools will continue to have priority access to these rooms.

These classrooms do not constitute all of the heritage classrooms highlighted in Phase 4 of the original Strategic Planning Analysis report as rooms in need of upgrades, and it is anticipated that the remainder of the classrooms would be renovated at a later date.

Additional Details

- UC Room 179, is a 129 nasm tiered lecture hall that currently seats 108 people in rows. An existing 9 nasm AV booth (room 179A) is inside of the lecture hall and will be removed as part of the renovation, allowing for more seating;
- UC Room A101, is a 71 nasm flat floor classroom for lectures, tutorials and seminars that currently seats 66 people in individual desks;
- Restoration of the interiors of these classrooms including woodwork, plaster ceilings, windows, doors, fireplace, and finishes, to be more in line with its heritage appearance;



- Updated lighting, HVAC, communications, and audio-visual technology befitting of a modern learning environment;
- Inclusion of flexible but historically appropriate furniture that can be reconfigured in room to accommodate flexible teaching styles;
- Creation of barrier free entry points into the classrooms and integration into the new accessibility strategy of UC; and,
- Deferred maintenance addressed in the related areas of the College affected by the work.
- b) **Upgrade to a full service elevator from the initially proposed limited use / limited access lift** adjacent to the northwest corner of the central tower (net change -7 gsm)

In addition, Kohn Shnier and ERA Architects have developed an accessibility plan that now includes a full service elevator with elevator tower exterior to the original building. This new location and the use of a full service elevator instead of a lift that would have required manned operation has numerous advantages, however it differs from the scheme outlined in the original planning document. The relocation of this elevator tower from the northeast corner of the UC central tower as initially proposed in the first Planning report to the northwest corner has also created a series of secondary effects that have construction and cost implications (see item **d. Secondary Effects**).

Additional Details

- The originally proposed location in the Taylor Hazell Report was determined infeasible for several reasons: the egress stair would need to be completely demolished and re-built in a new configuration in order to accommodate any elevator (LULA or full service); this would pose an immediate problem in terms of providing egress and keeping the building operable during the construction stage; the required re-building of the stair would result in a rebuilding of the roof profile at both the second and third floors, and finally, fitting in the LULA alone with the re-built stair would be an extremely tight fit. The area affected by the LULA lift and the egress stair is approximately 146 gsm (no assignable area is affected), which will be deducted from the program area.
- The new elevator in its proposed location provides access to all floors, within the existing footprint of the building, and has limited physical impact to heritage elements. In the heritage consultant's estimation, it is also the best location for the elevator from a heritage approval process. It should be noted that there is also some historical precedent for a tower at this location a structurally independent steam plant tower was located very close to the proposed location of the new elevator. The approximate area for the elevator scope of work is 139 gsm.
- The new proposed elevator location would also require the conversion of existing Rooms 80, 172, 272, 377 & 376A and renovating them to circulation space or other non-assignable space items (see item **d. Secondary Effects**).



c) **Implementation and construction of the Third Floor Café** and lounge between the East and West Halls (+98 nasm) (131 gsm)

The University College Literary & Athletic Society will be contributing additional funding for cocurricular space, namely the Third Floor Café and the lounge space between the East and West Hall, as a result of a successful special project levy referendum.

- d) **Design resolution of Secondary Effects to these changes in project scope** (+110nasm) (179 gsm). Secondary Effects resulting from the new proposed location of the elevator include providing access routes, accessibility, as well as the removal of rooms, as follows:
 - The relocation and renovation of a Janitor's office & lunchroom from UC 80 to UC F001 (18.3 nasm)
 - The renovation of UC 375 as a Faculty office from UC 272 (18.6 nasm)
 - The relocation of the mail room UC 172 to the existing CAO office UC 158 (17.4 nasm) and the subsequent relocation of the CAO's office to UC 171 / 171A, with a new connection through to UC 173 (19.3 nasm).
 - The conversion of UC 371 & UC 373 to the Librarian's office (22.8 nasm)
 - The conversion of UC 377 to a universal washroom (13.6 nasm)

Deferred Maintenance Upgrades

The proposed capital project presents an opportunity to address critical deferred maintenance issues as part of the renovation work. Further detailed inspections related to the design process revealed two areas in particular which are recommended by Facilities & Services for upgrade, the electrical panel and emergency generator. The existing Medium Voltage (MV) electrical switchgear and Low Voltage (LV) switchboard are over 35 years old and are recommended for replacement. The existing diesel generator faces compliancy issues and should be upgraded to current standards.

Summary

The net additional area of the project scope identified above totals 408 net assignable square metres (nasm) and approximately 551 gross square metres (gsm). The combined Project scope of Phases 1 and 2, and additional project scope totals 1,393 net assignable square metres (nasm) (1,817 gross square metres (gsm)). Refer to drawings below for outline of scope areas.

University College Basement Floor Plan





Additional Change in Scope: Full Service Elevator, related secondary effects

Reduction in Scope: Proposed LULA lift location from original study; remove from scope of work

- New full service elevator in area of Room 80 (existing Janitor lounge) •
- New relocated Janitor's lounge in F001 •
- Removal of LULA area from scope •



- Corridors to provide barrier free-access to building and major classrooms (Phase 1, already approved)
- Croft Conference Centre including Senior Common Room & ancillary spaces (Phase 2, already approved)

- Renovation to classrooms UC179 & UC A101
- New full service elevator in UC 172, secondary effects including UC 158 & UC 171, 171A, 171B
- Removal of LULA area from scope





Additional Change in Scope: Additional design fee



Additional Change in Scope: Classrooms, Exterior Elevator, additional secondary effects



Phase 1+2 Scope



- East and West Halls and support spaces (Phase 1, already approved)
- Writing Centre UC 259 (Phase 2, already approved)

- New full service elevator (exterior), and secondary effects including UC 272
- Removal of LULA area from scope
- Removal of unneeded support space for libraries



University College Third Floor Plan

- East Hall Mezzanine, West Hall, and support spaces (Phase 1, already approved)
- Exterior HVAC work (Phase 1, already approved)
- Design of Third Floor Café (Phase 1, already approved)

- Librarian Office UC 371 & 373
- New full service elevator (exterior), and secondary effects including UC 377 & 375
- Implementation and construction of Third Floor Café
- Removal of LULA area from scope