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TO: Board of Trustees

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INFORMATION

Work on the revitalization of the Victoria School of Performing and Visual Arts has commenced with the demolition of the 140 Wing. The demolition of the 140 Wing started this summer and removal of the wing will enable the construction of new replacement space. The total budget for the project remains fixed at \$35 million and all work anticipated for the revitalization will be accommodated within that sum. The nature of the building is such that the revitalization will include a combination of demolition, modernization and new replacement. In order to accommodate the demolition and construction process and to minimize disruption to the students, consideration is being given to relocating the students during the project period to other accommodation rather than recreating short-term accommodation on site. The viability of using John A. McDougall School for this purpose is being examined and further stakeholder discussion is necessary.

An integral part of the revitalization project has been the development of a partnership with Capital Health and the Royal Alexandra Hospital. Significant progress has been made with respect to the partnership which entails three main elements:

- sharing of thermal energy
- sharing of the parkade
- sharing of common and amenity spaces.

Alberta Infrastructure has actively participated in the development of the partnership and has provided both technical and financial support. Additional sponsors and/or partners, such as the City of Edmonton, are being invited to participate in what is evolving into an exemplar of mutual cooperation designed to meet the interests of the community at large.

Tonight's report is intended to update the board on the current status of the design and project timeline. A presentation with respect to the preliminary design concepts will be made by the prime consultant, Barr Ryder Architects and Planners. Mr. David Ryder will lead the presentation and the presentation team will then be available for questions.

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