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# Public Service Announcement

## City Building #901 at Arnaitok Complex to Receive Accessibility

### Upgrades and Renovations

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The City Building #901 at Arnaitok Complex will undergo renovations in 2020 and 2021 to provide residents of Iqaluit with a more accessible and inclusive municipal facility.

The renovations will increase the number of citizens with accessibility issues to complete their everyday tasks independently and attend events and meetings.

These accessibility upgrades include a hydraulic lift to allow visitors in wheelchairs and strollers to access the second floor City facilities from the Arnaitok Complex public entrance. In addition, the exterior entrance will receive upgraded stairs and accessibility ramp, and an automatic door to ensure the entire public has access to the building.

On the second floor, the public bathroom will become wheelchair accessible, the waiting and entrance areas will be widened to ensure accessible mobility, and new flooring will be installed on the first and second floors.

The City was awarded \$1,000,000 by the Government of Canada's Enabling Accessibility Fund. This fund will finance the accessibility upgrades while an additional \$440,000 provided by the City of Iqaluit will contribute to other office upgrades at Building #901.

The design for renovations was awarded to Stantec Consulting. A tender for the construction will be released in the coming months.

Construction will take place in stages over 2020 and 2021, taking into consideration COVID-19 Public Health measures. Public access to Arnaitok Complex may be limited during phases of construction.

City Hall activities will continue at the Arnaitok Complex this summer before moving to a new location in Fall 2020. Additional City offices will move to Arnaitok Complex and continue to serve the public at that location.



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Statement from Mayor Bell:

The City thanks the Government of Canada for the Enabling Accessibility Fund to make these upgrades possible. This is proof of our government's commitment to address accessibility for all citizens.

These upgrades are part of the City's plan to ensure our infrastructure meets the functional needs of the community. We are committed to creating a more convenient, accessible and enjoyable experience that benefits everyone.

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