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### HALDIMAND COUNTY'S NEW CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON TRACK FOR FALL 2019 COMPLETION

HALDIMAND COUNTY, ON – On April 16, 2019, County staff presented Council with an update on the new Central Administration Building's construction progress. A number of major construction milestones have been completed to date, and the building is on track to be completed by fall 2019.

As of the April 16<sup>th</sup> update, the building's structural steel frame is 99% complete. The roof deck has been completed and installation of electrical equipment, sanitary piping, fire suppression systems, spray foam insulation and door frames is currently underway.

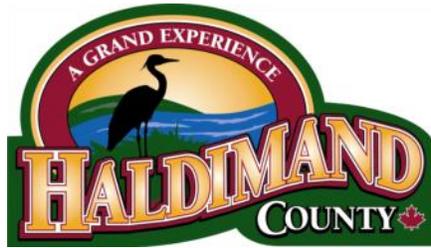
Over the next two months, several key components of the building will be complete including roofing, masonry (stone work), spray foam insulation. Work on interior drywall will commence shortly, the front entrance's structural steel canopy will be installed, and road work – including site grading – will begin on Chippewa St. with favourable weather.

"The progress we've seen over the past few weeks is exciting, and it's great to see the building take shape. A great deal of time and effort has gone into getting the project to this point, & I look forward to the moment we can welcome and serve the community in this space," said Haldimand County Mayor Ken Hewitt.

[Plans for a new building and municipal service delivery model](#) have been in the development stages since 2015, following a comprehensive [Administration Accommodation Review](#) focused on enhancing customer service, maximizing administrative/operational efficiencies and ensuring long-term cost effectiveness. After thorough analysis and community consultation, a consolidated service model – involving the construction of a new administration building – was selected by Council. Construction on the new building began in May 2018.

All services currently available at the County's satellite offices will be offered at the new building, and new online tools will be introduced to provide more 24/7 services to residents. Library branches will be retrofitted with 'Community Hubs' – computer and information stations designed to connect resident with County news & online services. Library staff will be available to provide instruction and guidance on how to make use of online services, like how to pay taxes or water bills online.

More information about the new Central Administration Building – including construction updates – will be shared on the [County website](#) and social media channels as the project progresses.



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