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To	Board of Directors
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For DECISION**Subject/Title**

Centre Block Rehabilitation (CBR) – Temporary Relocation of the Queen Elizabeth II Monument

Purpose of the Submission

- To obtain approval for the temporary relocation of the Queen Elizabeth II monument from Parliament Hill to the proposed new location in the traffic roundabout on Sussex Drive in front of the ceremonial gates to the grounds of Rideau Hall.

Recommendation

- THAT the Federal Land Use and Design Approval for the Temporary Relocation of the Queen Elizabeth II Monument be granted, and;
- THAT the preparation and signature of the Federal Land Use and Design Approval document for the Temporary Relocation of the Queen Elizabeth II Monument be delegated to the Executive Director, Capital Planning Branch.

Submitted by:Daniel Champagne, Executive Director, Capital Planning Branch
Name_____
Signature

1. Authority

- *National Capital Act*, section 12.

2. Project Description

- Parliament Hill Grounds are designated a National Historic Site of Canada since 1976. Parliament Hill buildings and grounds are designated as 'Classified' by the Federal Heritage Buildings Review Office (FHBRO) since 1987.
- In accordance with the Long Term Vision Plan and Centre Block Rehabilitation (CBR), Project, the Parliamentary Precinct Branch (PPB) is currently preparing the handover of the Centre Block site to the Construction Manager this fall. Within the area on Parliament Hill to be handed over to the Construction Manager are the bronze statues of:
 - Sir John A. Macdonald
 - William Lyon Mackenzie King
 - Queen Elizabeth II, with her respective mount, Centennial
 - Sir Robert Laird Borden
 - Famous Five ("Women are Persons!")
 - The Canadian Police and Peace Officer's Memorial
- All but one of these monuments are within or adjacent to the probable area of the excavation for the Visitor Welcome Centre Phases 2 and 3, or more generally within the active construction site. PPB proposes to dismantle the affected statues and plinths to ensure their protection for the duration of the CBR following which they would be reinstalled on their original sites. The Queen Elizabeth II monument will be temporarily relocated off-site for the duration of the CBR, in an area that is considered sympathetic to and maintain strong associations with the monument.
- After consideration of other sites around the city, it became clear that the most appropriate location was one that would be associated with Rideau Hall. As Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's official residence when in Canada, this location will maintain the Crown's strong connection with the monument, and would allow the monument to be visually prominent for visitors to enjoy. The horse, Centennial, was an RCMP horse gifted to the Queen, and was her favorite mount. The RCMP Stables, home base to the Musical Ride, are nearby along the Sir Georges Étienne Cartier Parkway. This proposal recommends that the monument be temporarily relocated to the traffic roundabout on Sussex Drive in front of the gates to the grounds of Rideau Hall.
- The nature of the site allows a full 360° visual access of the monument, literally riding high above traffic on the over 2 meter tall pedestal so that it is visible from a distance. The recommended orientation of the piece is with the axis of the horse's back to be slightly west of north, so that both the Queen and her mount are glancing up through the gates of the Rideau Hall Grounds.

3. NCC Staff Analysis / Risks and Mitigations Measures

The analysis of the proposed relocation of the monument is based on the Board of Directors approved NCC's Capital Guiding Interests for the CBR.

Impact on Visitor's Experience

- The original site of the monument on Parliament Hill was an open area that provided ample viewing opportunities and appreciation of the work in the round. The temporary site is an open vehicular and pedestrian circulation plaza, and can be seen fully in the round.
- Visitor expectations have been addressed by recommending a temporary location with very high visibility, adjacent to a popular destination open to the public.
- The high security required for the existing official residences ensures that the monument site will be under surveillance. Considerations for public safety include some form of barrier around the traffic island, such as a low ironwork railing, to discourage visitors from crossing traffic to view the monument up close. The location in the centre of a traffic roundabout will decrease the opportunity for vandalism or climbing.

Impact on Commemoration and Events

- The original location of the monument east of the Centre Block Senate wing had a symbolic relationship with the Upper House; it is comparable to the placement of Queen Victoria, balancing the Victoria Mounds' mass and height and is consequently appropriate for the Queen's stature and dignity. The recommended temporary location is adjacent to the ceremonial home of the Queen when in Canada, and to the Official Residence of "Her First Minister" in Canada at 24 Sussex Drive.
- The site reflects the stature of the Queen as the titular Head of State, positioned between the Vice-Regal's Residence at Rideau Hall and the Prime Minister's Residence at 24 Sussex Drive.

Impact on Heritage

- The proposal is reversible and the monument will be restored to its original location per the *Parliament Hill Landscape Plan Implementation Strategy and Guidelines* (2013).

Environmental Protection and Sustainability

- A conservation approach and mitigation measures to minimize the impact of relocating the monument have been developed.

4. Strategic Links

- NCC Mandate to "*Guide and control the use and development of federal lands in Canada's Capital Region; and maintain heritage sites in Canada's Capital Region, such as ... commemorative sites.*"
- NCC Corporate Priority 5: Be a value-added partner to create lasting legacies that serve as sources of pride for Canadians.
- Government priorities.

- NCC Plan for Canada's Capital (2017-2067): The rehabilitation of CB is part of the Milestone project 1 for the renewal of the Parliamentary and Judicial Precincts.
- NCC 2005 Core Area Sector Plan, *"Ensure a Parliamentary and Judicial Precincts Area that is planned, protected and interpreted as the symbolic and democratic heart of the nation, as the prime focus of the Nation's Capital and the Core Area, as a national and international landmark, and as the center stage for national celebrations."*
- NCC Guiding Capital Interests applicable to the Construction site of the CBR.
- Long Term Vision Plan (LTVP 2006 update) – Guiding Principles.

5. Consultations and Communications

- The proposal is supported by the House of Commons (HoC), the Senate, the Library of Parliament (LoP), the Office of the Secretary of the Governor General (OSGG), the Federal Heritage Building Review Office (FHBRO), the Department of Canadian Heritage (PCH) and the City of Ottawa.

6. Next Steps

- Spring 2019 – Dismantling of Queen Elizabeth II monument and start of construction at temporary site.

7. List of Appendices

Appendix 1 – Presentation Materials, December 2, 2018

Appendix 2 – Acknowledgement from Buckingham Palace

Appendix 3 – Acknowledgement from City of Ottawa

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PROPOSED MONUMENT RELOCATION

**QUEEN ELIZABETH II MONUMENT
RIDEAU HALL
ROUNDAABOUT**

PRESENTATION TO NCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS, JANUARY 24, 2019

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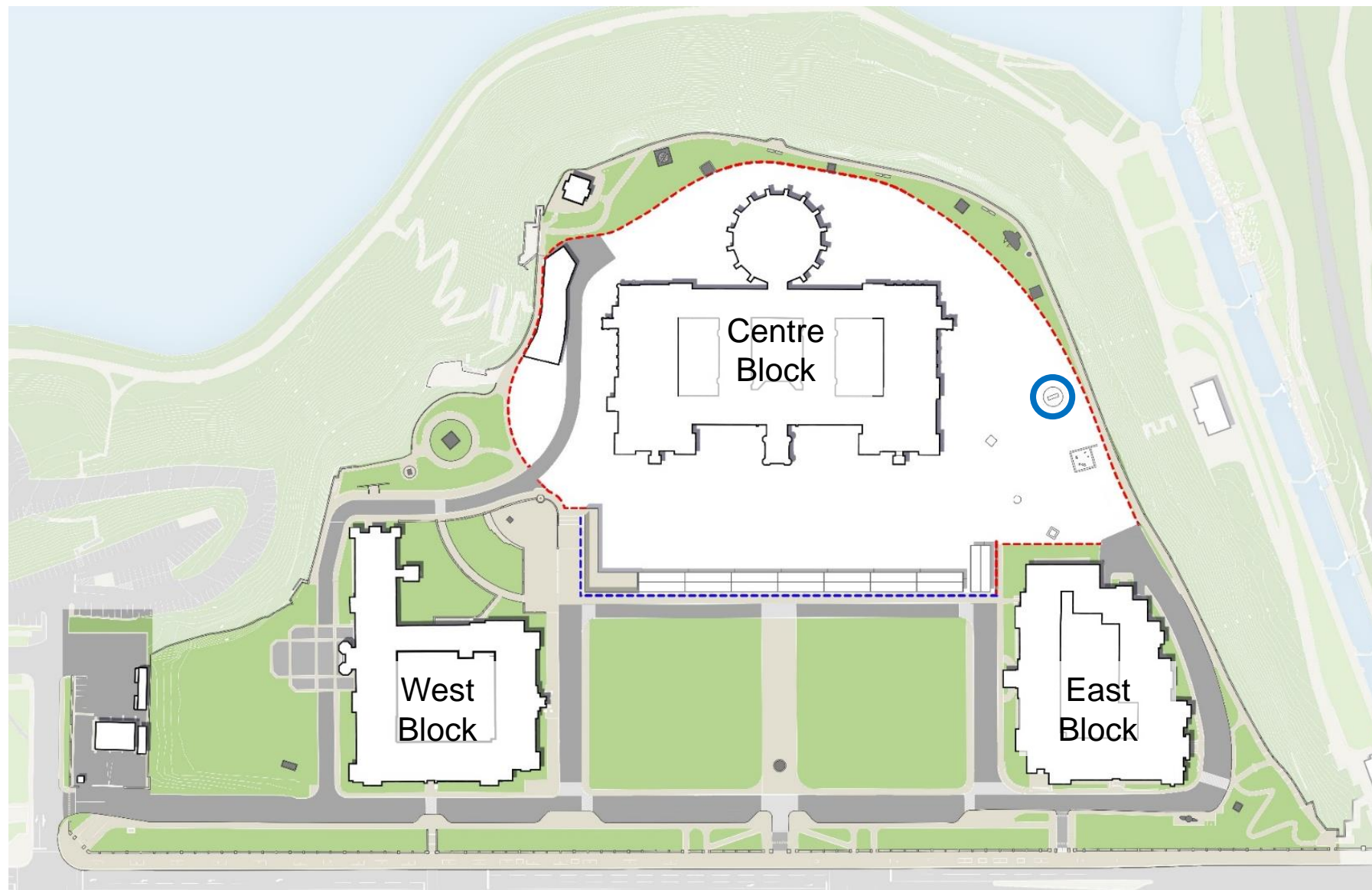


Photo: Arty-chan, Flickr, 2011

Introduction

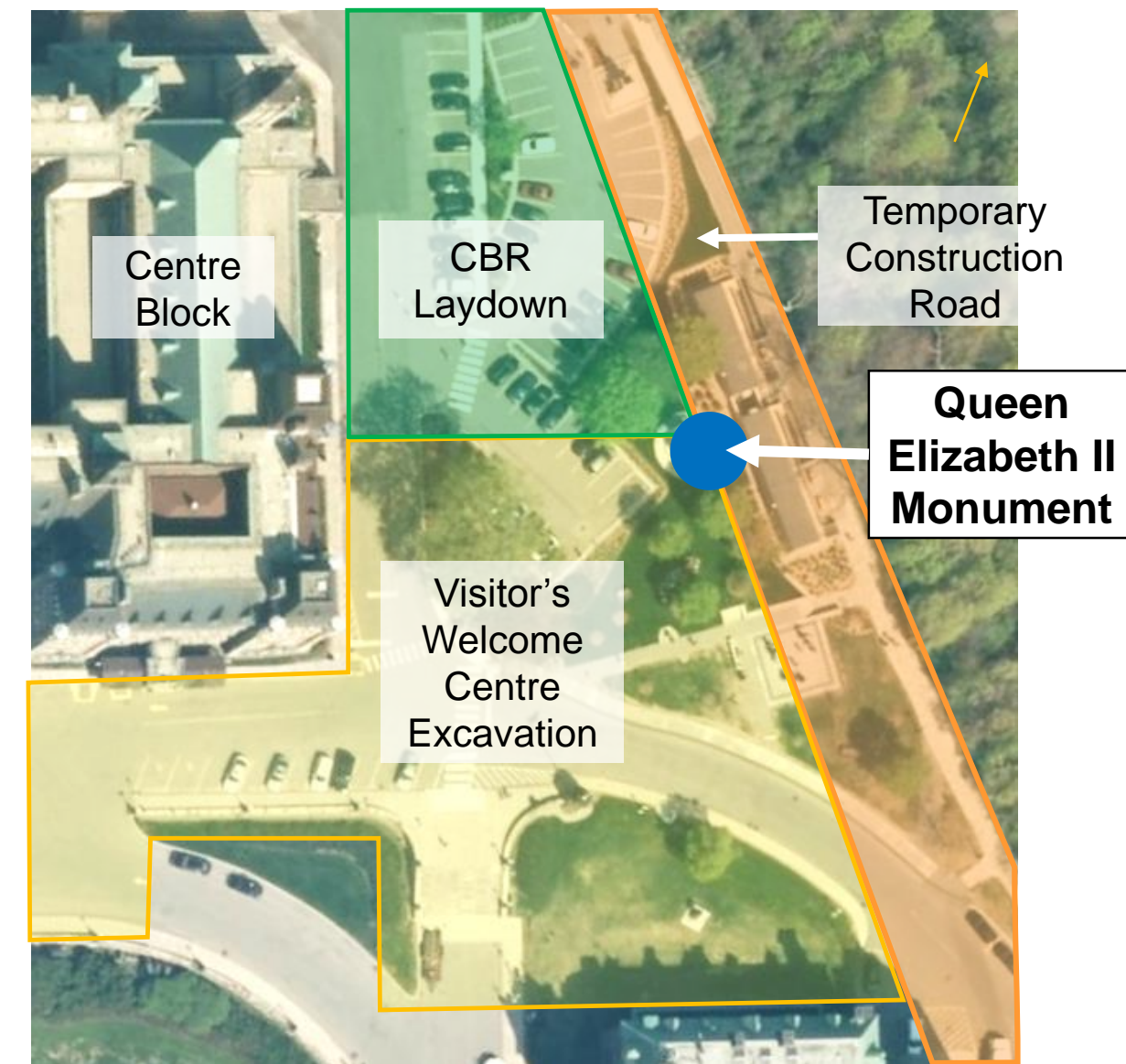
Construction Site Concept Plan

Approved by the NCC Board on June 2018



Construction Site Requirements

- Excavation of the Visitor's Welcome Centre
- Temporary construction road
- IT duct bank alignment
- CBR laydown area



Photos: maps.ottawa.ca, 2018

Background Information

MONUMENT DETAILS

Sculptor: Jack Kenneth Harman

Unveiled: June 30th, 1992

Materials: Bronze statue with granite plinth

Dimensions:

Plinth: 5.8m Ø, 40 tonnes

Height: ± 5.6m

- Commemorates 125th anniversary of Confederation
- Features 'Centenial', the second horse gifted in 1973, in honour of the 100th anniversary of the RCMP

From: East Block Statues Interim Locations Report, CCI, May 2012



Photo: Centrus, October, 2018

Relocation Requirements

- Protection In-situ not feasible:
 - Physical damage risk
 - Monument will be inaccessible for duration of rehabilitation program
- Relocation on Parliament Hill not feasible:
 - Insufficient site capacity
 - Inadequate for the size and character of the monument
- Relocation off site requirements:
 - In the core area
 - A logical link between the monument and the Crown
 - In proximity to Parliament Hill
 - Appropriate character for the monument
 - Sufficient site capacity
 - Accessible to the public
 - Secure environment



Locations Considered

RIDEAU HALL

Option 1: Ceremonial Boulevard

- Meets General Site Requirements
- Scale of QEII monument is not appropriate for the classified landscape

Option 2: Rose Garden Fountain

- Scale of QEII monument is not appropriate for the classified landscape.
- Insufficient space for views of monument

Option 3: Open Lawn

- Meets General Site Requirements
- Scale of QEII monument is not appropriate for the classified landscape.
- Unsuitable because the area is guaranteed by law to be available to the Cricket Club at all times

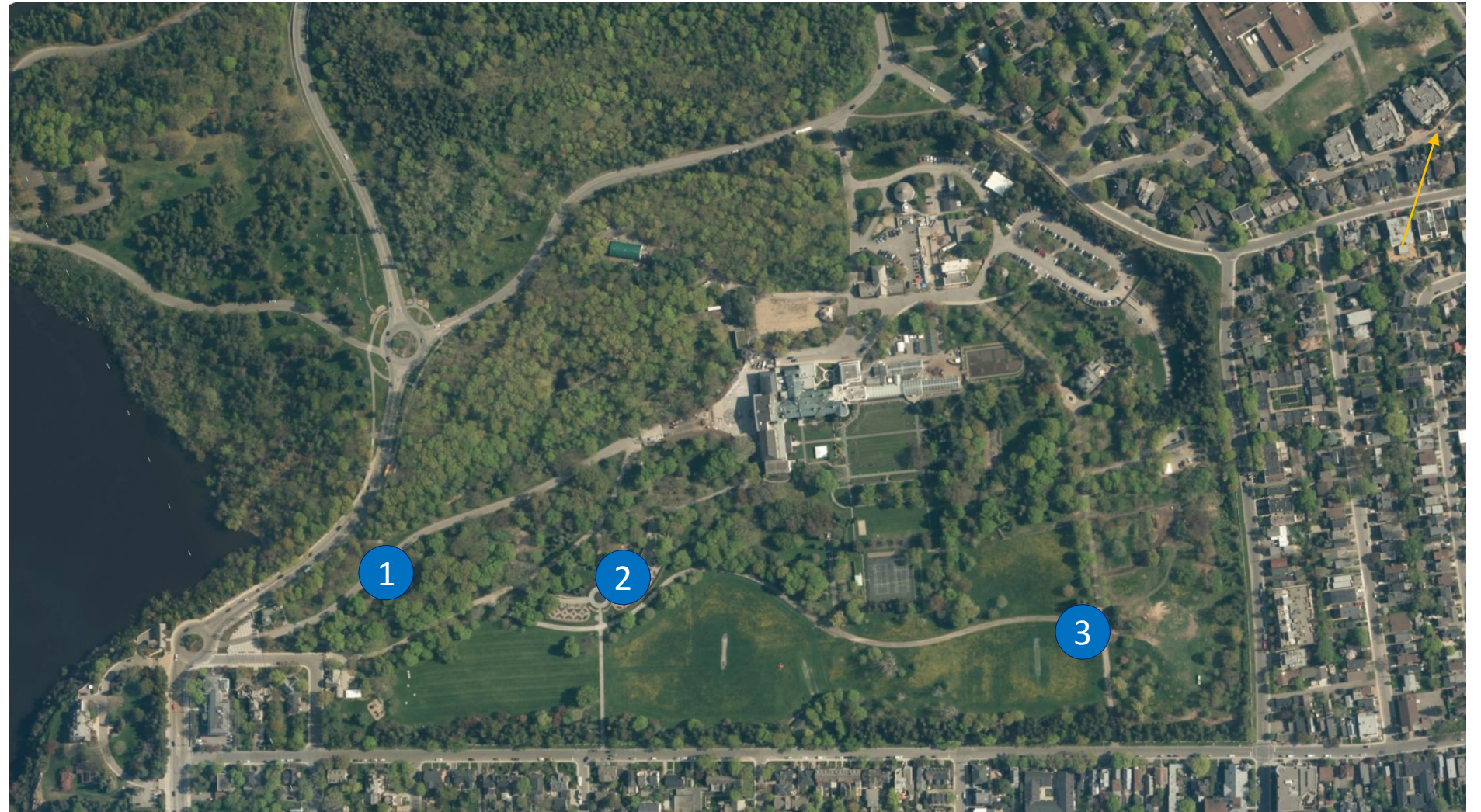
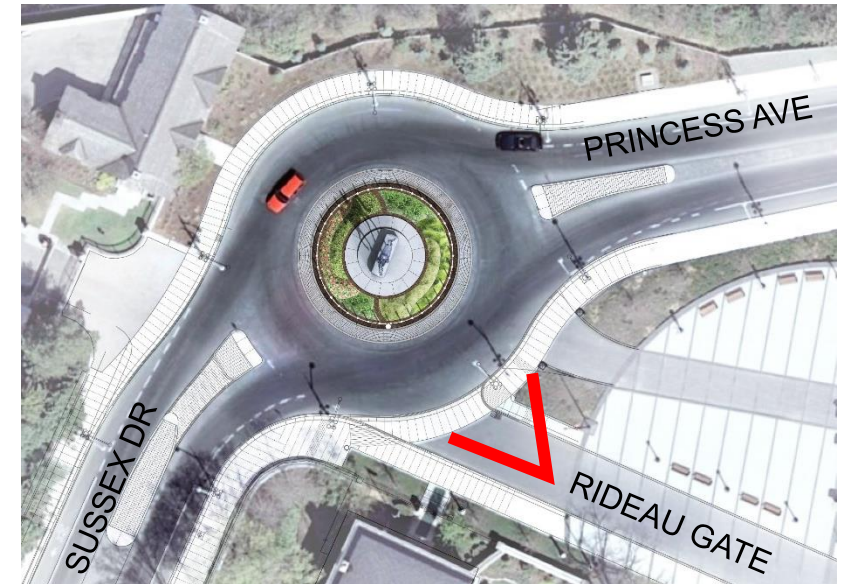


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Preferred Site

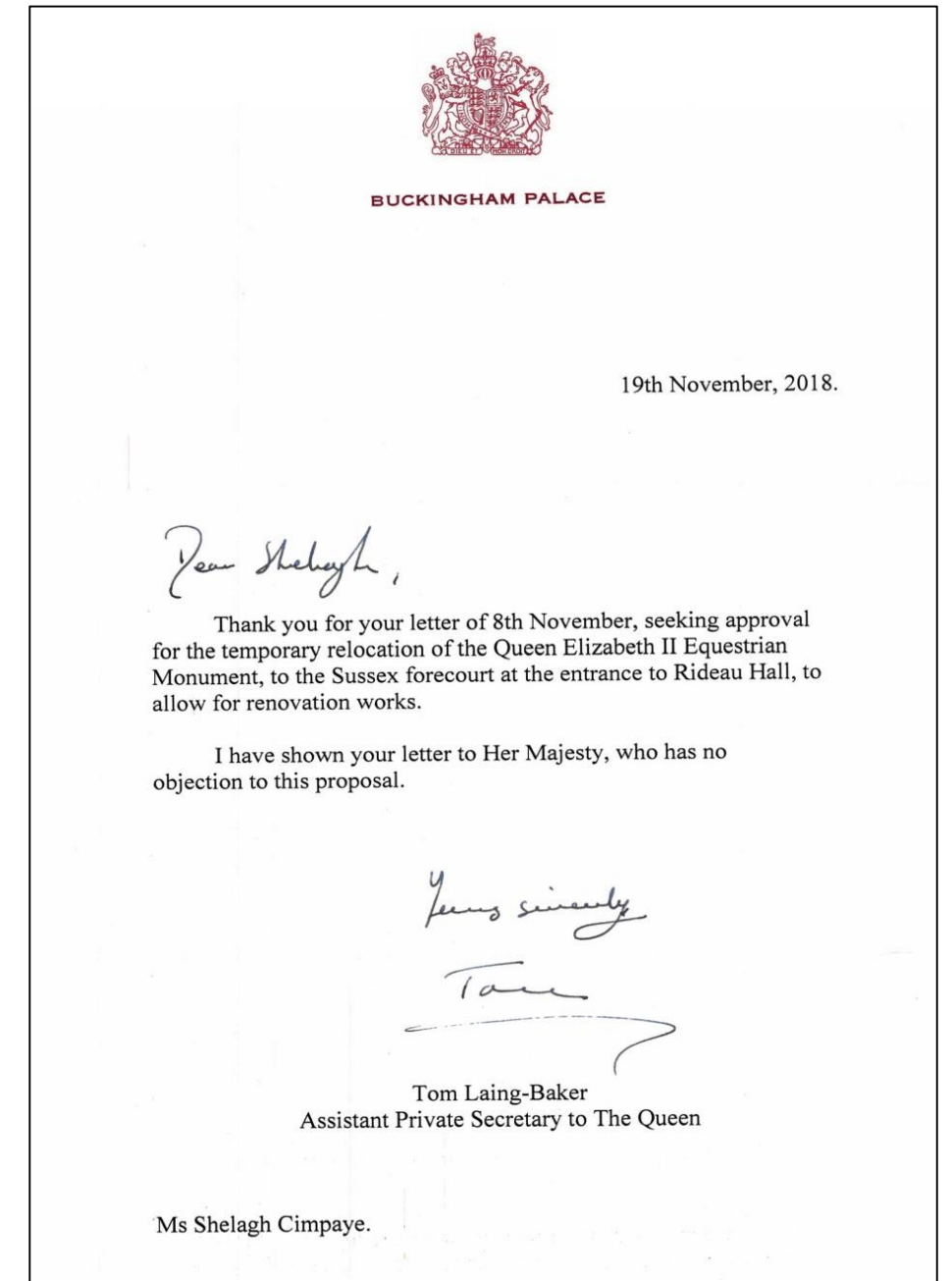
- Most appropriate location was identified as one associated with Rideau Hall
 - Queen Elizabeth II's official residence when in Canada
 - Maintains the Crown's strong connection with the monument and allow the monument to be visually prominent for visitors
 - Maintains a strong connection between 'Centennial' (horse in monument), which was gifted to the Queen by the RCMP
 - Provides a gateway feature to anchor the beginning of Confederation Boulevard
 - Separates pedestrian facilities from the roundabout, which provides a good vantage point to view the monument given its scale



Endorsement by Project Stakeholders

Consensus was achieved on preferred location at the Rideau Hall roundabout with the following stakeholders:

- Senate of Canada
- House of Commons
- Library of Parliament
- Office of the Secretary to the Governor General / Buckingham Palace
- National Capital Commission
- Federal Heritage Buildings Review Office
- City of Ottawa
- Department of Canadian Heritage
- Canadian Conservation Institute



Next Steps

- Tender and award: February 2019
- Monument relocation activities:
 - Ready monument for move: March 2019
 - Move monument: April 2019
 - Complete landscaping around monument: Summer 2019



Photo: Centrus, October, 2018

From: [Routhier, Mark](#)
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Date: Thursday, November 22, 2018 2:05:57 PM

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Subject: Updated from Palace - Queen Elizabeth II Equestrian Statue Temporary Relocation

Good afternoon:

I am pleased to report that we have received confirmation from Buckingham Palace that Her Majesty is supportive of the temporary relocation of the equestrian statue and our proposed plan for the site of the statue at the Sussex forecourt of Rideau Hall.

The official letter is on its way from the palace but given the slow down due to the job action at Canada Post, I wanted to share the good news with you.

I will send you a copy of the letter for your files when it arrives.

Have a great day!
Christine

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Subject: City's Review of the Queen Elizabeth II and Women are Persons! (Famous Five) Monuments
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 5:33:34 PM

City staff has worked with the CENTRUS team on the monument relocation project, and specifically on the relocation of the Queen Elizabeth II and Women Are Persons! (Famous Five) monuments to locations within the City owned public road allowance.

Further to initial discussions with CENTRUS and other stakeholders, City staff do not object in principle to the proposed monument relocations within the public road allowance. The City has recently received a final proposed package of drawings for review, and is circulating this package as part of our normal review process. While no major issues have been identified to date, the City will provide specific comments to be incorporated if required upon completion of this review.

We trust this is the information you require at this time.

Regards,
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