



INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S SPACE

OVERVIEW

The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) is working with partners to develop a vision for the future use of the Indigenous Peoples Space.

On June 21, 2017, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced that the former American embassy would become a space for Indigenous peoples, with its function and use to be determined in partnership with the AFN, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami (ITK), Métis National Council (MNC) and Canada.

The Indigenous Peoples Space project will encompass the 100 Wellington Street building, 119 Sparks Street (currently a CIBC bank), and a future infill to connect the two existing buildings.

Chiefs-in-Assembly passed Resolution 29/2017, *100 Wellington Street*, in July 2017, giving the AFN a mandate to initiate a process to determine the most effective use of the 100 Wellington Street space as an Indigenous Peoples Space.

Resolution 29/2017 also directed the AFN to make sure that the appropriate protocols with the Algonquin Nations are engaged and to ensure Algonquin involvement.

In February 2018, the Department of Crown Indigenous Relations convened representatives from the AFN, ITK, and MNC to provide an update on the potential timing and resourcing for the project.

UPDATE

The AFN has engaged the Algonquin First Nations, to discuss and identify appropriate protocols.

The All Algonquin Common Table was created to provide an opportunity for the Algonquin First Nations to collaborate and advise the AFN on protocols. The Table has met four times since its creation in March 2018.

The AFN is seeking early use of the 100 Wellington Street building to assert First Nations presence in the Parliamentary Precinct for intergovernmental business. It is expected that early or interim use of

the site will continue until major construction commences.

The AFN has continued to work with other project partners (various federal government departments, MNC, and ITK) to develop a vision for the long term use of the building. A Memorandum to Cabinet in Spring 2019 will unlock funds to continue the development of the project until the completion of the construction in 2025.

NEXT STEPS

The AFN is proactively engaging with other project partners on preferred approaches for governance, vision, and timing.

The AFN will continue to engage the Algonquin First Nations to continue a respectful process.

The AFN is actively pursuing resources to support the development of a vision for the Indigenous Peoples Space project and support Algonquin engagement in the project.