# Habitations Hôtel-de-Ville RENOUPDATE Informing • Consulting • Improving

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# **Investment of \$109,000** at Habitations Hôtel-de-Ville



Nearly \$109,000 will be invested in major work at Habitations Hôtel-de-Ville, located at 220 René-Lévesque Boulevard East. The painting of the corridors and apartment doors, as well as the installation of a handrail in the corridors constitute the main focus of the renovation project, which is aimed at universal accessibility and a more modern appearance. This work, which began in early October, will extend over about 12 weeks. However, the handrail is scheduled to be installed only around mid-December.

These renovations will create some temporary disturbances for tenants, such as noise, dust and worker traffic in the building.

We are aware of the inconveniences caused by this work and will do our utmost to ensure that it is completed as quickly as possible. We hope this project will improve the quality of your living environment over the long term. Thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation.



## WITH YOUR HELP - IT'S ONLY NATURAL

Further to consultations held with OMHM tenants in 2008-2009, a handrail made of stainless steel and wood was ultimately chosen for all the buildings. This is the model that will be installed in your building. During these consultations, tenants emphasized the importance of the handrail being solid, comfortable and easy to maintain, as well as modern in appearance.



## WITH YOUR HELP - IT'S ONLY NATURAL (CONT'D)

On **August 30, 2012**, the Office municipal d'habitation de Montréal held an **information meeting** at Habitations Hôtel-de-Ville. The **15 tenants** present were able to express their opinion on the choice of colours for the corridors and apartment doors, while **Caroline Stewart**, Liaison Officer, **Selfar Abdouch**, Project Director, and **Marcel Gendron**, Maintenance and Repair Worker, were on hand to discuss the upcoming work.

The majority of tenants chose the first option proposed, that is, flat white for the ceiling, *cotton paper* for the corridor walls and *silk paper* for the apartment doors and door frames. They modified this first option, in terms of the corridor accent walls, by choosing the colour *sponge toffee*.

Some people expressed concern about paint odours. For this project, the **OMHM will use a water-based paint, which is virtually odourless.** 

Tenants also requested that the ventilation of the bathrooms and range hoods be improved. The modernization of the ventilation system for the apartments and common areas is included in the work schedule of the RAM budget, allocated for building maintenance and renovation, and should be completed in the next few years.

## **EXPLANATION OF WORK**

RENOVATIONS, REPAIRS OR UPGRADES	WHY	RESULTS	WHEN
The corridor walls and ceilings, as well as the doors and door frames of each apartment, will be repainted.	The paint will be freshened and the colours used will be those chosen by tenants during the consultation process.	<b>Rejuvenation</b> of the corridors	Starting at the <b>beginning of October</b>
A handrail will be installed in the corridors.	To make travel in the corridors safer and to provide universal access.	Increased safety Universal access	Starting in mid-December 8-10 weeks must be allowed for the delivery of the handrail.

### PAINT COLOURS TO BE USED FOR THE CORRIDORS

COLOUR	NAME	USE
	Cotton paper	Corridor walls
	Sponge toffee	Corridor accent walls
	Silk paper	Apartment doors and door frames

### **TENANT'S ROLE - WHAT YOU CAN DO**

#### TO ENSURE THAT THE WORK GOES SMOOTHLY, THE OFFICE MUNICIPAL D'HABITATION DE MONTRÉAL ASKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION.



CLEARED CORRIDOR, READY FOR THE WORK



Self-adhesive plastic hooks and screw-on hooks must be removed. Once the corridors are painted, it would be preferable **not to affix hooks** to the walls or ceiling, since they damage the paint. Screw-on hooks will be tolerated on the walls.

## YOUR PRESENCE WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THE PAINTING OF YOUR APARTMENT DOOR



When it is time to carry out this work, **the contractor will place a NOTICE on your door at least 48 hours before the workers arrive**, so that you can let them into your apartment. If you cannot be there, **designate a trustworthy person, neighbour or friend** to replace you.

#### OMHM TEAM AT HABITATIONS HÔTEL-DE-VILLE

#### **MAJOR PROJECTS TEAM**

- Liaison Officer:
  Caroline Stewart
- Project Director:
  Selfar Abdouch

#### **EMPLOYEES ASSIGNED TO YOUR BUILDING**

- Tenant Security Agent: Lise Perreault
- Maintenance and Repair Worker: Ronald Trudeau
- Rental Agent:
  France Lavoie
- Community Organizer:
  Élaine St-Onge





## CONTRACTOR

**Construction Belair-Nova inc.** is the contractor that will coordinate the project at Habitations Hôtel-de-Ville. The work will take place from Monday to Friday, between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. In certain exceptional cases, these hours may be extended to keep pace with the overall work schedule.

