
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION THROUGH SCREENING

GOVERNMENT PROPERTY CLASS EA

McMichael Canadian Art Collection **10365 Islington Ave, Kleinburg, ON**

The McMichael Canadian Art Collection is undertaking a capital renewal project, which includes renovating the existing property and construction of a new extension. The project will also include landscape renewal and design in the immediate surroundings of the buildings. The project is anticipated to run from September 2026 - June 2029.

Natural Environment: there are no watercourses or wetlands in the area of construction. The space where new construction will take place is already disturbed, primarily consisting of laneways and parking areas. An environmental assessment has identified bat species at risk in the vicinity; consequently, any tree removals will take place under the advisement of a biologist to ensure there are no indications of habitation. The woodland surrounding the McMichael is being preserved to the fullest extent possible, and a tree and vegetation replacement plan will be implemented. The project will undertake recommended preparation and implementation of a Sediment and Erosion Control Plan, Stormwater Management Plan, Grading Plan, Vegetation Management Plan, Tree Protection Plan, Wildlife Management Plan, Waste Management Plan, Spill Response Plan, and invasive species prevention measures. With these mitigation measures, the proposed Project is expected to avoid or minimize adverse impacts to natural heritage features and their ecological functions.

Socio-Economic Environment: the gallery will be closed to the public for the duration of the project; the grounds outside the construction zone will be maintained for public access.

Cultural Heritage Resources Environment: there are no archeological resources on the site, and the cemetery lies outside the bounds of the construction project. The McMichael has been identified as a Provincial Heritage Property of Provincial Significance. As such, a Heritage Impact Assessment with Community Engagement is being completed to assess heritage impacts and mitigation measures. Once the Heritage Impact Assessment is complete additional reporting for Minister's Consent will be undertaken. A heritage architect has been retained to advise on the project and to oversee the heritage conservation scope of work.

Community Concerns: Indigenous duty to consult requirements have been met, and there is ongoing consultation with different Indigenous community members. A new archeological study concluded there were no remains present on the site. A community information session and survey have not identified any concerns that could not be addressed or resolved.

Based on the screening questions in the Government Property Class EA it was determined that there would be minimal adverse environmental impacts from the project.

This notification is to inform you that the project is screened exempt and is not subject to the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act.

Questions related to this notice of exemption must be received by September 16, 2026, and may be directed to:

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