



Centennial Building

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Why Is This Important?

To report on:

- government infrastructure planning for the Centennial Building in Fredericton,
- associated financial impact on provincial taxpayers, and;
- the current status of the facility

What We Found

Overall Conclusions:

- Government has not followed a long term infrastructure plan in management of government office space in Fredericton
- Government focused on short-term decisions
- 9 years of Government indecision on the future of the Centennial Building. It continues to cost millions of taxpayer dollars

Key Dates:

- 2007 - Decision to have City of Fredericton construct Chancery Place
- 2011 - New office building (Chancery Place) purchased. Changed from temporary to permanent space
- 2013 - Centennial Building partially vacated
- 2014 - Centennial Building used as temporary location for new downtown health clinic
- 2015 - No final decision on future of the Centennial Building

Current Status:

- Past its useful life and in need of major refurbishment or demolition
- Must be fully vacated for refurbishment to occur
- As of August 2015 building partially occupied with no firm decision or plan for its future
- The Department of Transportation and Infrastructure drafted several options for the Centennial Building, and included a proposed overall office space strategy for Fredericton

Financial Impact:

Capital cost Chancery Place	\$54 million
Estimated capital cost to refurbish Centennial Building	\$60 million
Operating costs Centennial Building	\$1 million/yr
Opportunity cost of vacant space	\$3.2 million/yr