

Media Advisory

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City of Toronto to launch construction to revitalize Nathan Phillips Square

Join Mayor David Miller and Councillor Kyle Rae (Ward 27 Toronto Centre-Rosedale) on April 9 as the City of Toronto begins to revitalize Nathan Phillips Square.

Date: Friday, April 9

Time: 10 a.m.

Location: Nathan Phillips Square

After holding an international design competition in 2006-2007 and choosing the winning architectural design, the City will kick off the start of construction for the Nathan Phillips Square Revitalization.

Since 1965, the Toronto City Hall and Nathan Phillips Square complex has captivated the world with its unique modern design. While the square has many successful attributes, the City recognizes that some of its features have been underdeveloped and poorly used since the square was originally designed by Finnish architect Viljo Revell.

As part of the revitalization, the City of Toronto will increase the square's functionality and improve its environmental sustainability for the more than 1.5 million people who visit it each year. Included in the project is a new, state-of-the-art permanent theatre stage, a new two-level restaurant, landscaped perimeter, a new visitor information kiosk, and a new skate pavilion.

In 2009, the City began implementation of the revitalization's prelude project - the City Hall Podium Green Roof, which will be officially opened at this year's Doors Open Toronto as the city's largest publicly accessible green roof.

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