Normand Bouchard Memorial Theatre – Contingency Funding for Code and Safety Upgrades

July 10th, 2019

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMS Council, at the recommendation of the Finance Committee, approve an expenditure of $16,000 from the AMS Contingency Fund towards safety and Building Code upgrades for the Normand Bouchard Memorial Theatre.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this expenditure only be used if required by the project to ensure Safety and Building Code Upgrades.

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Presentation to accompany motion in Council.

The Normand Bouchard Memorial Theatre, or also commonly known as “The Norm” is currently slated for safety upgrades in order to reopen. Closed since 2015, the Norm is a true historic AMS facility located in the UBC LIFE Building.

Totalling over 6500 square feet, the Norm is a 400 racked-seat theatre that has historically shown movies as well as other forms of performance. In order to reopen, the theatre must comply with modern building code. This work has been quoted to cost $311,821, with funding mostly sourced from pre-allocated funds from the AMS to the renovation of the LIFE building, as well as $30,000 from UBC.

Quoting was conducted with BIRD Construction by UBC Properties Trust in May 2019 resulted in the final cost for the upgrades. This cost is $16,000 higher than what the AMS already has allocated to LIFE Building Renovations, and thus the AMS must provide the additional funding in order for the project to proceed.

When completed, this work will allow the Norm to have public occupancy. However, the Norm will only have basic functionality. My team is in the process of looking into a Phase II project for the Norm Theatre to expand on functionality and overall usage potential for the space.
## BENEFITS
Reputational, Financial, Sustainable, Social
- Student Safety
- Ability to reopen a large AMS space to basic functionality and the ability to begin programming,
- Completion of the AMS portion of LIFE Building Renovations.
- Ability to begin planning of Phase II for future expansion of potential.
- Student Life Benefits
- Student Enjoyment of the Space

## RISKS
Financial, Operational, Reputational
- If project is not started, construction costs are set to rise.
- Additional costs may be incurred as construction progresses.
- If project is not started, it may never see completion.
- Material risks in the space may pose a health hazard to workers if accidentally disturbed.

## COSTS
Financial, Resources, Lifecycle
$16,000 from the AMS Contingency Fund

## TIMELINE
Implementation Timeline
Construction set to begin immediately following approval. Projected time of completion is Fall 2019.

## CONSULTATION
Internal & External Groups
- Michael Kingsmill, AMS Designer
- Keith Hester, Managing Director
- Executive Committee
- Finance Committee
- UBC Properties Trust
- BIRD Construction