

## Update on Rodman Hall transition

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It has been several months since Brock University announced its intention to explore a plan to preserve historic Rodman Hall, provide modern space for the Rodman Hall art collection and contribute to the arts hub growing in downtown St. Catharines.

Since then, many consultations have taken place and the University's representatives have spent a lot of time listening to the concerns of, and receiving input from:

- Members of the arts community
- Brock visual arts faculty, students and staff
- Groups that partner with Rodman Hall for programming
- the Transition Committee that was put together to steer the future of Rodman Hall, and
- the team that manages Rodman Hall day-to-day.

As a result, the initial plan for Brock to transition Rodman Hall in October 2019 has been pushed back to the end of April 2020, to allow more time to listen to input and meet the concerns that may be raised. During this period, Brock academic programming can continue to use the spaces at Rodman.

A community group, which recently incorporated with the purpose of preparing to take over the collection, has demonstrated interest in also taking over Rodman Hall and has made media announcements to that effect. The University is reviewing this opportunity, as well as others, and is working to develop a workable solution for all stakeholders.

Brock is finalizing the details of a transition that would meet community needs as well as Brock's desire to return the asset back to the community.

Throughout the process, the University will continue to rely on consultation with and input from the faculty, students and community stakeholders, as well as the City of St. Catharines' recently formed Task Force, to review the Rodman Hall transition.

Brock thanks those who have given so generously of their time as we work through this process, and will continue to work with you as this project moves forward.

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