

## A look at one year into CELT renovations

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Many enhancements are easily visible in the Civic Employees Legacy Tower (CELT) thanks to the [Downtown Campus Development Project team](#) and our partners, Chandos Construction and GEC Architecture.



***From left: Chandos' David Dear and Christian Nordmark, NorQuest's Mark Dohms, Chandos' Nolan Grey, David Addison, and Amanda Gadowski. Far right: DCDP's Lee-Ann Leitch, Diana Fenwick, and Tracey Didluck.***

We caught up with David Dear, Superintendent at Chandos, and got some interesting updates on the project to date, milestones, importance of teamwork, and more.

**Working on site here at NorQuest for more than a year now, what are a few things that strike you about the college?**

*NorQuest has an amazing student and employee group—positive and forward thinking people (who have also put up with many disruptions)! This is a wonderful place to be. Our organization relates to the diversity here as many of our own employees are from all around the world.*

**Can you share some project milestones?**

*In June 2017, we started the process of engaging a contractor to replace exterior windows. To qualify for the federal government’s Strategic Investment Fund (SIF), we had to replace 688 windows by April 2018. With a lot of help from DCDP and Facilities, we completed all window replacements (about eight per day) one month ahead of schedule. Also under SIF funding, we completed the Innovation Studio on schedule.*

*Additional milestones include completing Floors 4, 6, 7, and part of the main floor and basement.*

**Was there anything especially challenging?**

*Working in a 47-year-old building that has undergone multiple renovations left a number of mechanical and electrical challenges to overcome. Also, we had to ensure services remained running (i.e. heat and power) as there were occupied floors above and below us. With these challenges, the project team had to adapt and accommodate this fast-track project.*

*Project success came from making adjustments as needed, and at times, quick decisions from key stakeholders, as well as ongoing collaboration.*

**How many workers and hours have been into this project?**

*Approximately 850 workers and a total of 275,000 hours. To put this into perspective, this is like hiring 135 people for one year ... or one employee for 135 years!*

Thanks Mr. Dear for this great update!