

**City of Fredericton  
York House Working Group  
Terms of Reference**

**Members**

- Councillor Stephen Chase, Chair
- Chris MacPherson
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- Greg Cook
- Don Fitzgerald

**Background**

York House was added to the City of Fredericton's Local Historic Places Register in July of 2009. Originally known as the York Street School, which had been designed by J. C. Dumaresq and built by Joshua Limerick, the structure was completed in 1893. Built upon the site of the Baptist Seminary, it served as the Fredericton High School until 1925.

In 2007, members of the Brunswick Street Baptist Church (then the owners) voted to demolish the building. They were expanding on their property and found the building contained asbestos, PCBs and lead, making it far too expensive for the church to renovate. The City was able to accommodate the Church's needs and save York House through a complicated deal that included the transfer of properties between the parties.

**Problem Statement**

It has become apparent that the original plan to convert York House into offices for the municipality is not financially viable.

**Mandate**

1. To determine the possible strategies for repurposing York House (including public and private uses);
2. To determine the optimal strategy for repurposing York House (either a public or private use).

IN ANY CASE THE EXTERIOR OF THE BUILDING MUST MAINTAIN ITS HISTORIC LOOK.

IN ANY CASE THE REPURPOSING OF THE BUILDING MUST BE SELF SUSTAINING AND NOT REQUIRE ONGOING FUNDING FROM THE CITY.

**Deliverable**

A recommendation to Council-in-Committee of the optimal solution.