

Estonian Centre committees meet Sept. 13 as part of their work to guide the progress of the project

The Estonian Centre project managers, steering committee and members of the sub-committees met at Tartu College on September 13, 2017 as part of their work to discuss the progress of the project and plan next steps. Attending the meeting were, from left to right: David Kalm (Project Manager), Rob Deutschmann (Project Manager), Raivo Remmel, Lea Kõiv, Jaan Meri, Peter Viitre, Reet Oolup, Karin Ivand, Peeter Einola, Rein Kuris, Veiko Parming, Anita Saar, Ellen Valter, Maris Ann Vanaselja, Martin Pede and Eva Varangu.



The boards of the Estonian House, Estonian Foundation of Canada, Estonian Credit Union and Tartu College are overseeing this project.

The Estonian Centre is envisioned to be a modern and vibrant "Eesti Keskus" - or "Estonian Village" - to be located at 9 and 11 Madison Avenue in the Bloor and Spadina area of Toronto, next to Tartu College. It will consolidate services, community events and organizations into one location to serve the needs of the Estonian community now and for future generations. Project managers and expert consultants are leading the process of determining the viability of the project – an important and detailed phase of work called "due diligence." This involves verifying the cost, funding and sustainability of the project. This is a critical series of steps, as it will determine the feasibility of building and operating the new centre.

The steering committee will continue to provide updates on the project's progress to the public. Stay tuned for news on next steps.

For more information, including a detailed list of questions and answers, please visit the website at www.estoniancentre.ca. You are also welcome to email info@estoniancentre.ca

Please note: In the print version of Eesti Elu on Sept. 13, two names from the Estonian Centre steering committee were inadvertently not printed in the paper: Raivo Remmel, President of the Estonian House and Jaan Meri, President of Tartu College. (The other members of the steering committee are Eva Varangu, President of the Board of the Estonian Foundation of Canada and Ellen Valter, Chair of the Board of the Estonian Credit Union.)