

**Culture, Recreation & Economic Services Department
Parks & Landscape Services Division**

**To the Chairperson and Members of the
South East Area Committee**

Re: Removal of the Small Park Shelter in Herbert Park

Due to the poor structural condition of the small park shelter in Herbert Park it is proposed to have the shelter removed over the coming weeks.

The Conservation and Management Plan for Herbert Park describes the shelter as being in a *'reasonable condition'* but recommended that the structure *'would benefit from the removal of the modern asphalt and a programme of timber repairs to all rotten or damaged timber'*.

However in the intervening years the condition of the structure has deteriorated dramatically with more detailed inspections undertaken by Howley Hayes (Grade 1) Conservation Architects (May 2017) and Peter Finnegan, Senior Structural Engineer, D.C.C. (July 2017) highlighting the extent of decay and fire damage which is a cause of concern for the structural integrity of the building. Following these reports the shelter has been made safe by Park staff and the area is now cordoned off using temporary security fencing.

A Restoration Feasibility Study was completed in October 2017, also by Howley Hayes Conservation Architects, which recommends the removal of the shelter in the immediate term in the interest of public safety (see attached).

It is anticipated that the work will be completed before the end of the year.

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