The following items arise from the Building and Property Committee meeting of December 7, 2018. They are presented to the Board of Governors for its information.

I. FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

1. Increase in the design budget for Envelope Repairs (Masonry and Windows) and Interior Renovations to the Macdonald Stewart Library Building

The Committee considered a request to approve an increase of $2,500,000 in project-specific funding for the design of envelope repairs and interior renovations to the Macdonald Stewart Library Building, bringing the total design budget to $5,500,000. The initial $3,000,000 had been approved by the Vice-Principal (Administration and Finance) in 2014 in order to effect emergency repairs that were necessary to stabilize the exterior masonry of the building. It was noted that the increase was necessary at this time as the scope of the project had expanded to include deferred maintenance items including HVAC upgrades, upgrades to the electrical system, installation of a sprinkler system, renovations of existing washrooms and installation of new washrooms, interior finishing, and landscaping of the exterior grounds.

The Committee noted that the renovations to the building, due to the building’s heritage components, involved considerable costs and questioned whether additional funds should be dedicated to support the project, currently estimated at $38 million. The Committee was reminded that the government would be contributing funding for the renovations of this building. Following thorough discussion and consideration of the request, the increase was approved. In summary, the Committee approved an increase in the project-specific funding for the design of Envelope Repairs (Masonry and Windows) and Interior Renovations to the Macdonald Stewart Library Building by $2,500,000 from $3,000,000 to a total design budget of $5,500,000.

2. Update on Royal Victoria Hospital Redevelopment Project

The Committee received an update on the Royal Victoria Hospital Redevelopment Project (RVH). On October 29, 2018, the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors approved the $37 million funding agreement with the Government of Quebec. The Committee was informed that the funding agreement has since been executed and remains conditional on the signing of a protocole d’entente (Memorandum of Understanding) on the project’s governance structure by the University, the Ministère de
l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES), and the Société québécoise des infrastructures (SQI).

The Committee also received an updated timeline for the development of the McGill Pavilion on the RVH site. The report included the major milestones in the development of a site master plan by the SQI, as well as the major milestones in the current phase of development of the McGill Pavilion on the site. The Committee was informed that the master plan would be finalized by January 2021 and it was expected that students would be welcomed in the Fall 2027.

3. Update on Action Plan for Expiring Leases and the Redevelopment of Solin Hall

The Committee received an update on the University’s lease renegotiation strategy in the context of reducing the number of properties leased by the University. Various options are being explored, including the repurposing McGill-owned assets, notably Solin Hall. The Committee will continue its work on this file at a future meeting.

4. Reports

The Committee received the following updates and reports for information:

- Quarterly Report on Purchases, Leases, and Construction Projects between $1 million and $6 million
- Update on Board Approval of BPC Items
- Report on Major Construction Projects With Financial Summary

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