

KP MEDIA LINES

Reason for KP Closure:

On April 19, 2012, the federal government announced the closure of Kingston Penitentiary, the Regional Treatment Centre in Ontario and Leclerc Institution in Quebec. (<http://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/nws/nws-r1ss/2012/20120419-eng.aspx>) (Source: MO-approved Sept. 30, 2013)

These were aging facilities with infrastructure that does not lend itself well to the challenges of managing the institutional routines of today's complex and diverse offender population. (Source: MO-approved Sept. 27, 2013)

The closures will result in an overall cost savings of approximately \$120 million per year. (Source: MO-approved Sept. 30, 2013)

Current Status of KP/Decommissioning:

Kingston Penitentiary ceased operations as a federal correctional facility on September 30, 2013 and its decommissioning will be completed by 2015. (Source: MO-approved Sept. 30, 2013)

In 1990, Kingston Penitentiary was designated a national historic site in Canada, the Correctional Service of Canada will follow standards set forth by the National Historic Sites and Monuments Board. (Source: MO-approved Sept. 30, 2013)

For more information on the decommissioning of government assets, please contact Public Works & Government Services. (Source: Standard response and previously used by Ontario Comms to address this question – CSC approved Oct. 3, 2013)

Future of KP:

At this time, decisions have yet to be made with respect to possible future plans for the infrastructure and land. (Source: MO-approved Sept. 30, 2013)

Transfer of inmates :

Due to the *Privacy Act*, CSC cannot comment on the specifics of any offender's case. (Source: MO-approved Oct. 1, 2013)

Public safety is the number one consideration in all placement and transfer decisions. (Source: CSC standard line; MO-approved Sept. 30, 2013)

All transfers are made in accordance with the *Corrections and Conditional Release Act*, and risk assessments are performed by Correctional Service Canada (CSC) before transferring an offender to a facility that meets his or her security and programming needs. (Source: MO-approved Oct. 1, 2013)

Maximum-security inmates will remain maximum-security inmates and be placed in appropriate facilities at this level. The same will apply for medium-security inmates. (Source: MO-approved Oct. 1, 2013)

Staff:

CSC has a comprehensive plan to accommodate staff impacted by the closure. (Source: MO-approved media response June 27, 2013)