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## **Scranton City Hall Restoration Project Takes First Steps**

SCRANTON, PA. - On Monday, Feb. 5, 2024, crews from Dunmore Roofing and Supply Company are expected to begin placing scaffolding around Scranton City Hall, 340 N. Washington Ave., Scranton, to begin a projected one-year, \$4.7 million restoration project of the 136-year-old landmark.

"The restoration of Scranton City Hall is the hallmark project of the 2024 capital budget," Mayor Paige G. Cognetti said. "I'm excited that we will be able to preserve this local landmark for the next several generations through this process."

City Hall was constructed in 1888 and placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1981. Dunmore Roofing, 158 Tigue St., Dunmore, was awarded the contract including the restoration of the building's masonry and stained-glass features in October 2023.

The total cost of the project is \$4,786,376, including \$99,000 in engineering costs. Repairs will be funded through a \$1.5 million Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) grant awarded in December 2021, as well as a share of the City's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. The restoration is one of a number of capital budget improvements proposed to City Council in September 2023.

Crews are expected to begin their work on the North Washington Avenue side of the building, where the main entrance to City Hall is located.

**ABOUT THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) OF 2021:** ARPA is a \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus bill. The City of Scranton was awarded \$68.7 million in ARPA funds to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency and its economic impacts. The mission of Scranton's ARPA program is to give people access to resources, rebuild the infrastructure systems that impact their everyday lives, and foster equitable wealth generation that targets the needs of Scranton residents.

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