

**North Point Tower Restoration Project**  
**December 2, 2016 Update**

We have had to delay until spring the completion of the project to repair and restore the North Point Tower. The contractor found cracks in one of the three stone finials during the carving process, and a new piece had to be supplied and carved.

Winter weather will not allow the work to proceed. Completion of the stone work including finials will proceed in the spring when weather permits, possibly by mid-April. The upper portion of the tower is completed. There remains approximately two weeks of masonry work on the project. Scaffolding and the swing stage will be removed from the tower for winter.

The plan was to finish work by Dec. 9, weather permitting. But additional masonry repairs were identified as repairs proceeded, moving the completion from autumn to December.

All repairs match the existing materials and architecture of the historic structure. Consulting firm exp US Services, Inc. provided design and contract documents, having inspected the tower in 2014. The general contractor is Marion Inc.

**Interior work**

- Tuck pointing, repairs and cleaning of the brick have been completed.
- The contractor replaced the original cast iron floor plates with galvanized plates, and made interim repairs to selective cast iron stair treads and partial repairs to the stringers which support the treads and risers. The 142-year-old staircase is not sound enough for public traffic, and for liability reasons, only City of Milwaukee employees are allowed to climb the stairs for maintenance purposes.

**Exterior facade work**

- Masonry work on ornate stone façade on the south, west and north sides of the upper portion of the tower is complete. Repairs included removal of organic debris, replacement of damaged stone, tuck pointing of mortar and crack repairs.
- The wood windows were repaired, painted and sealed. Some of the glass was replaced. The work was intended to prevent water infiltration that previously degraded the masonry.
- The east side of the structure was found to require the most repair and additional stone replacement.
- Three new stone finials will be installed next spring. The finials were manufactured with approved materials similar to the original. The fourth finial was in good condition when inspected and was not replaced.