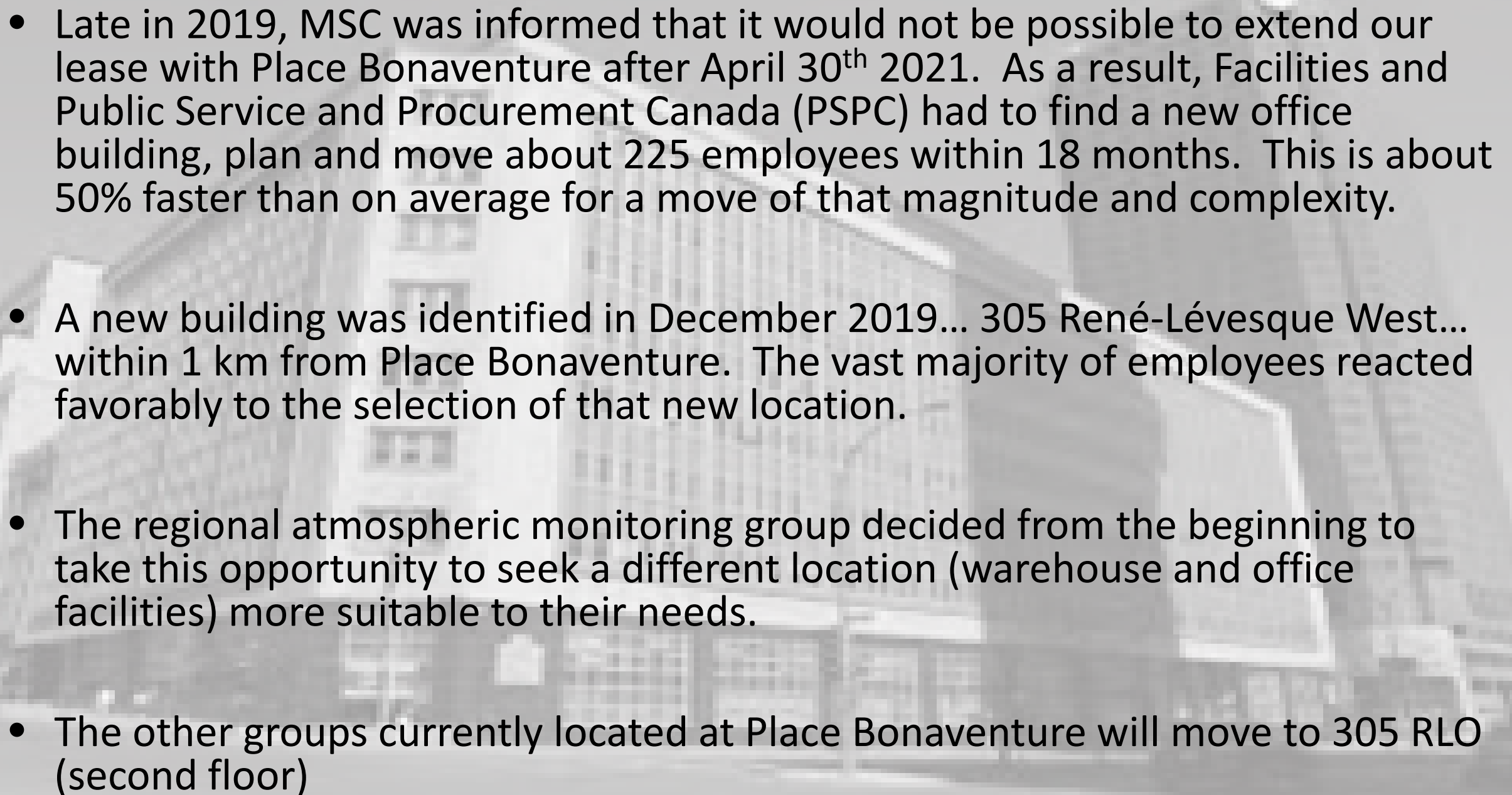
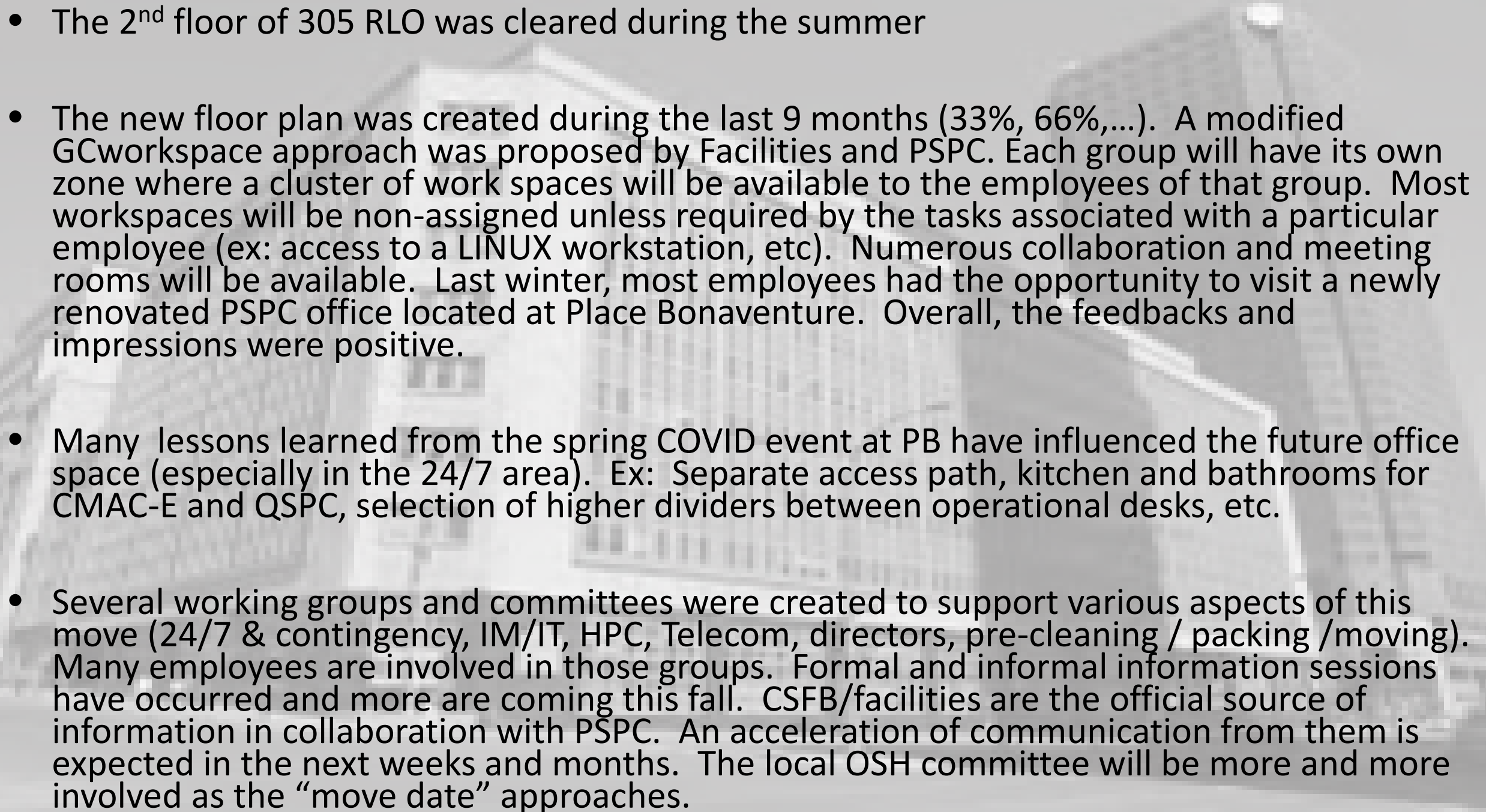
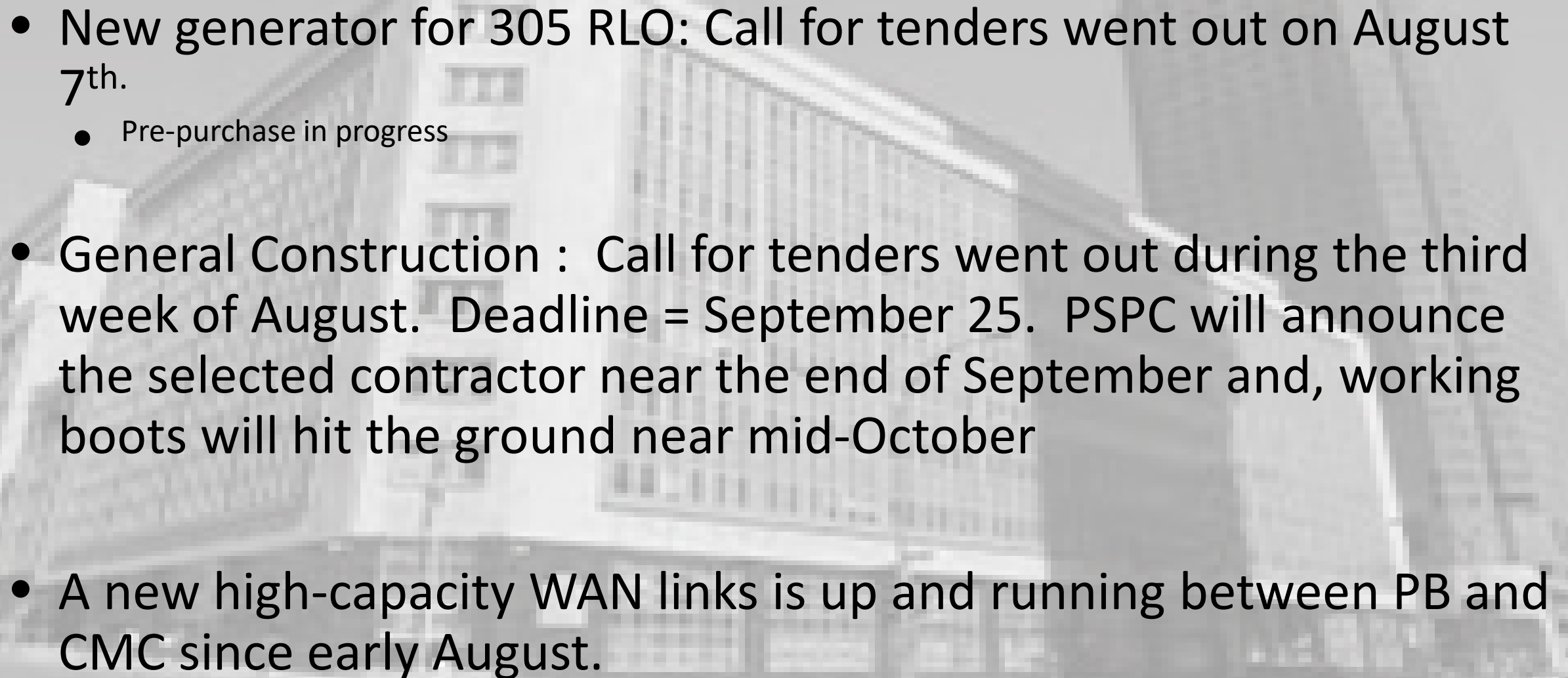
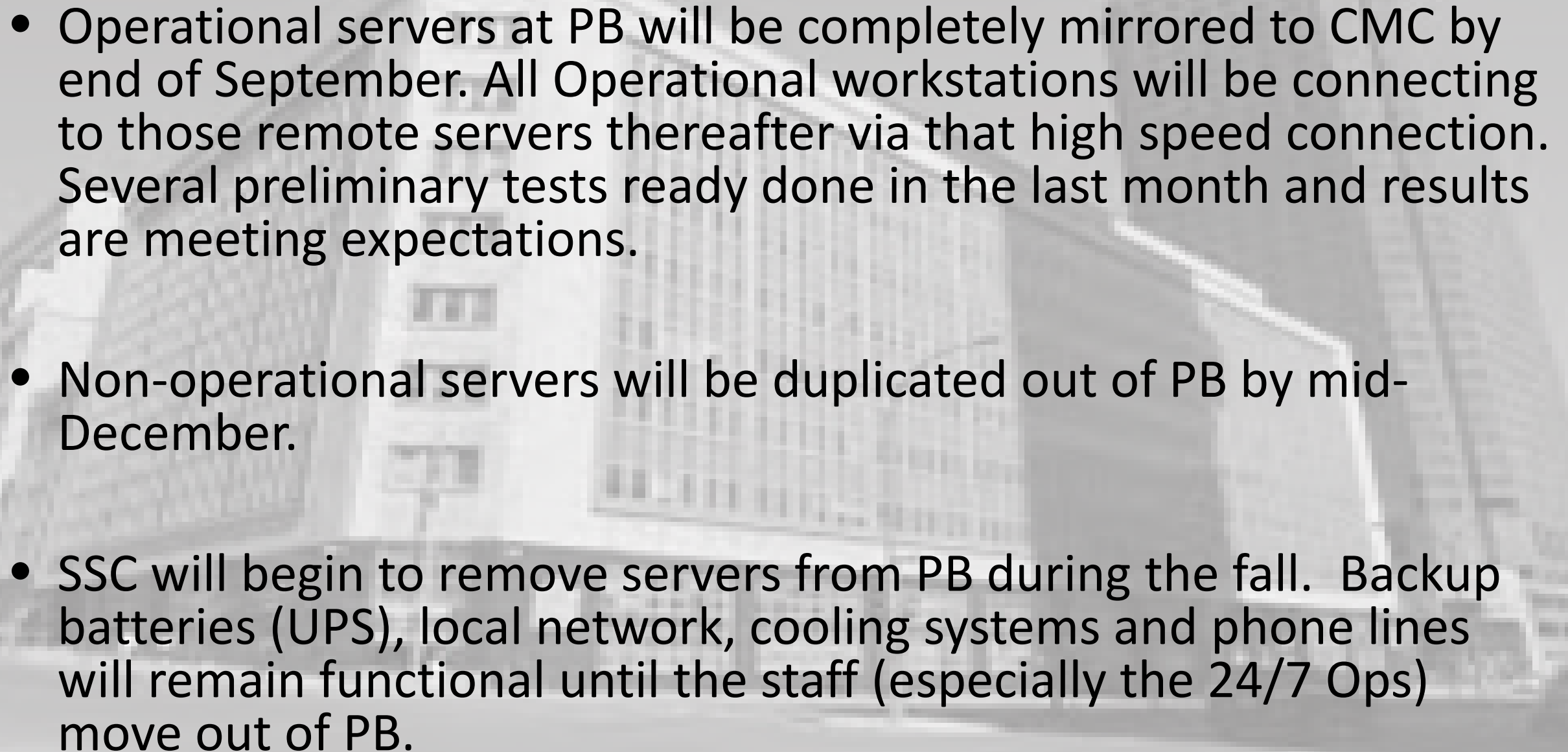


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- Late in 2019, MSC was informed that it would not be possible to extend our lease with Place Bonaventure after April 30th 2021. As a result, Facilities and Public Service and Procurement Canada (PSPC) had to find a new office building, plan and move about 225 employees within 18 months. This is about 50% faster than on average for a move of that magnitude and complexity.
 - A new building was identified in December 2019... 305 René-Lévesque West... within 1 km from Place Bonaventure. The vast majority of employees reacted favorably to the selection of that new location.
 - The regional atmospheric monitoring group decided from the beginning to take this opportunity to seek a different location (warehouse and office facilities) more suitable to their needs.
 - The other groups currently located at Place Bonaventure will move to 305 RLO (second floor)

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- The 2nd floor of 305 RLO was cleared during the summer
 - The new floor plan was created during the last 9 months (33%, 66%,...). A modified GCworkspace approach was proposed by Facilities and PSPC. Each group will have its own zone where a cluster of work spaces will be available to the employees of that group. Most workspaces will be non-assigned unless required by the tasks associated with a particular employee (ex: access to a LINUX workstation, etc). Numerous collaboration and meeting rooms will be available. Last winter, most employees had the opportunity to visit a newly renovated PSPC office located at Place Bonaventure. Overall, the feedbacks and impressions were positive.
 - Many lessons learned from the spring COVID event at PB have influenced the future office space (especially in the 24/7 area). Ex: Separate access path, kitchen and bathrooms for CMAC-E and QSPC, selection of higher dividers between operational desks, etc.
 - Several working groups and committees were created to support various aspects of this move (24/7 & contingency, IM/IT, HPC, Telecom, directors, pre-cleaning / packing /moving). Many employees are involved in those groups. Formal and informal information sessions have occurred and more are coming this fall. CSFB/facilities are the official source of information in collaboration with PSPC. An acceleration of communication from them is expected in the next weeks and months. The local OSH committee will be more and more involved as the “move date” approaches.

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- New generator for 305 RLO: Call for tenders went out on August 7th.
 - Pre-purchase in progress
 - General Construction : Call for tenders went out during the third week of August. Deadline = September 25. PSPC will announce the selected contractor near the end of September and, working boots will hit the ground near mid-October
 - A new high-capacity WAN links is up and running between PB and CMC since early August.

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- Operational servers at PB will be completely mirrored to CMC by end of September. All Operational workstations will be connecting to those remote servers thereafter via that high speed connection. Several preliminary tests ready done in the last month and results are meeting expectations.
 - Non-operational servers will be duplicated out of PB by mid-December.
 - SSC will begin to remove servers from PB during the fall. Backup batteries (UPS), local network, cooling systems and phone lines will remain functional until the staff (especially the 24/7 Ops) move out of PB.

- Contingency scenarios have been developed and analyzed... More discussions are still in-progress. Because of COVID and the high sensitivity of our CMAC and SPC operations, a “Prepare for the worst, hope for the best” approach will be taken. Ten operational workstations will be installed at CMC to allow a full “contingency swing space” for CMAC-E and QSPC. The health and safety of the employees will remain our number one priority. MSC and Facilities will continue to work together to make sure that all sanitary measures are in place (at PB, at CMC, at 305 RLO)
- Cleaning and packing will begin in early October. We want to do as much as possible early in case the COVID situation deteriorates significantly later.
- For PB, the reintegration phases will take into consideration the “cleaning and packing” activities mentioned above. The local SBO will make sure that the number of persons on-site remains acceptable at all time. A new application will be available in October to facilitate the tracking and access authorisation on a day-to-day basis for each ECCC building.

- An important visit took place on August 10th with representative from PSPC, SSC, Facilities and SMC. Preliminary results of that visit have been confirmed by PSPC on September 16th...
 - Many dismantling actions (server room, batteries, cooling systems, raised floor, etc) will be done after we are out of PB. This will allow us to stay in that building until April.
- PSPC is aiming to have 305 RLO ready by end of March 2021. That target will become somewhat more precise once the general contractor is on site
- Two-phased move planned by PSPC... April 16th and April 23rd. Could move earlier if new place is ready (24/7 area will be priority #1 due the inability to have those employees telework from home). The contingency plan will be activated if needed (ex: COVID-related delays impact the move date to 305 RLO).