

## **May 2021 Update on *Louis XVI***

As previously reported, Metro staff contacted conservation professionals for recommendations regarding the *Louis XVI* statue, which was damaged during protests in summer 2020. Obtaining estimates is an ongoing challenge due to the level of specialization required for the severely damaged marble sculpture and workload within the conservation industry as many cities are making efforts to address vandalism of public art that occurred in 2020. Most prospective vendors are located outside the region.

Three vendors – qualified conservation companies – have been contracted to provide the following services:

- On-site visit
- Assessment of current condition
- Report including recommendations for conservation services and reinstallation

If conservation treatment is recommended, vendors will be invited to provide a cost estimate for services.

Site visits are scheduled for June 17, June 18 and June 22. Vendors' reports are anticipated in July 2021.

Total budget for the conservation assessment is \$16,000.