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### **CAMH Welcomes Approval of Next Phase of Redevelopment Project**

On September 23, 2011, Premier Dalton McGuinty visited CAMH with news of the approval of the third phase of CAMH's visionary Queen Street Redevelopment Project.

"We are extremely pleased with this commitment to move forward with CAMH's Redevelopment Project," said Dr. Catherine Zahn, CAMH President and CEO.

This third phase (Phase 1C) will create a new patient care facility for clients in CAMH's Schizophrenia, Dual Diagnosis, and Mood and Anxiety programs – some of the hospital's most complex and seriously ill patients. Instead of outmoded cinder block buildings, these clients will receive treatment in a high quality, recovery-oriented building that will support the best possible care in an environment that fosters respect, dignity, and hope.

"We are fully committed to improving mental health services for Ontarians," said Premier McGuinty. "That's why we're so pleased to support the third phase of redevelopment at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health."

Phase 1C will also create the Centre for Discovery and Knowledge Exchange. The first of its kind for addictions and mental health, this centre will serve CAMH's research and innovation enterprise and help attract more of the best and brightest to advance our understanding of addictions and mental illness, find better treatments, and eventually, discover a cure.

"We need to transform care for people with addictions and mental illness, replacing outmoded institutional facilities with new, therapeutic buildings specially designed for independence, dignity, and recovery," said Dr. Zahn. "We need to change attitudes while we revitalize our community. We need to expand our research and advance our understanding of these devastating illnesses that directly affect one in five Canadians. This phase of the CAMH redevelopment will allow us to do that, and more."



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In addition, a new creative arts centre to support individuals with addictions and mental illness in their artistic pursuits will be co-located in the new Centre for Discovery and Knowledge Exchange, featuring a 450-seat theatre and a storefront art gallery. The community daycare centre will be co-located in Phase 1C's new client care building.

It is anticipated that construction will begin in late 2016. Leading up to this, much planning and development needs to take place including design, renderings, stakeholder engagement, and multiple approval processes.

"The CAMH Queen Street Redevelopment Project promises to change the future of mental health and transform many, many lives," added Dr. Zahn.



*CAMH CEO, Dr. Catherine Zahn (left) and Premier Dalton McGuinty speak to front-line CAMH staff about the Queen Street redevelopment during the Premier's visit to CAMH on September 23, 2011.*