



## **CAMH Queen Street Redevelopment progress update: July 31, 2008**

In this edition of the Queen Street Redevelopment e-bulletin, please find updates on the Grand Opening of the first phase of the project, the next phase, temporary adjustments and program moves resulting from the planned demolition of the existing Administration Building in 2010, non-CAMH development and the tree canopy at 1001 Queen Street West.

### **Hundreds attend Grand Opening of first new buildings**

Thursday, June 26 was an historic day for CAMH as it celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> birthday and Grand Opening of Phase 1A of its Transforming Lives Here redevelopment. Joining CAMH in its reflection of the past 10 years and the many more to come were of hundreds of staff, clients, volunteers, donors, community members, politicians and media.

"We've never been so well-positioned to serve our clients, their families and our society. It's because of your dedication that we have all that we're celebrating today," said Dr. Paul Garfinkel, CAMH President and CEO to those assembled.

In a day filled with thank yous, many more added their heartfelt praise and hopes for CAMH, including Olivia Chow, MP; Rosario Marchese, MPP; Margaret Best, Minister of Health Promotion, Paul Beeston, Chair of CAMH Board of Trustees, John Hunkin, Chair of the CAMH Foundation Board and a particularly stirring tribute from Peter Smith, a Workman artist who has received services from CAMH. There to give his blessings was First Nations Elder Vern Harper, who noted that the blessings he gave at CAMH's groundbreaking two years ago must have worked, since the buildings have been successfully completed, with more to come.



**(left to right) Rosario Marchese, MPP; Olivia Chow, MP; Paul Garfinkel, CAMH President; Margaret Best, Minister of Health Promotion and Paul Beeston, CAMH Chairman, make the final cut at the June 26 Grand Opening**

The day was filled with non-stop activities, from face-painting, to shopping at the local vendors, tours of the new buildings, and book launches by CAMH Publication Services, topped off by a scrumptious BBQ lunch provided by Out of this World Café and Raging Spoon. Providing the soundtrack to all this was the friendly sounds of Zeffi and the PARC drummers, the Deloraines and a very special birthday song from Taborah Johnson.

## Phase 1B takes a step forward

Although it may not have been wrapped in a giant purple ribbon, an important milestone for the next step in the transformation of 1001 Queen Street West was also delivered at the June 26 Grand Opening.



### **CAMH's Queen Street site at the completion of Phase 1B of the redevelopment project in late 2012**

Phase 1B (shown above) includes three new buildings: a new core client care building for CAMH's Child, Youth & Family and Geriatric Mental Health Programs, an outpatient, administration and facility support facility, and a final building that combines a new central plant, gymnasium and parking facilities into one building. These facilities, along with new tree-lined streets and a client-run café, will continue the transformation of CAMH's site at 1001 Queen Street West into a mixed-use urban village.

CAMH expects to have the Phase 1B Project Company on board by late 2009. Construction of this next phase, beginning with the demolition of the existing Administration Building, is scheduled to begin in early 2010, with completion targeted in late 2012.

## Temporary relocation of CAMH operations

The planned demolition of CAMH's existing Administration Building will require a number of temporary adjustments, as a number of programs and staff are to be relocated into interim accommodations. The majority of the affected operations will remain at the Queen Street site, or move to CAMH's other major Toronto location at the intersection of College Street and Spadina Avenue. However, some CAMH administrative and outpatient services will be moving into leased office space near the Queen Street site.

CAMH has leased office space at 901 King Street West (King and Strachan) and 862 Richmond Street West (Richmond and Strachan). Several outpatient support programs will be moving to 862 Richmond Street West in late 2008. Later, CAMH's core administrative personnel will move to 901 King Street West. The Administration Building will be completely vacated by late 2009.

These two locations were announced to the Neighbourhood Liaison Committee (NLC) at its May 2008 meeting. CAMH will present further information regarding the planned moves at an upcoming NLC meeting in September 2008 and will continue to keep our neighbours updated as part of an extensive communication strategy to make these moves as seamless as possible.

## Non-CAMH Development

At the January 2008 meeting of the Neighbourhood Liaison Committee, CAMH presented two consultant reports regarding the planned introduction of [non-hospital uses](#) (e.g. retail, commercial, residential) onto the Queen Street site as part of the vision of a mixed-used urban village. At that time, CAMH had yet to decide whether the first Block designated for such non-hospital uses would be developed via a sale or lease approach. Following a period of

The Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for [Phase 1B of the Queen Street redevelopment project](#) was released on Thursday June 26. An RFQ process identifies project teams that have the required design, construction and facilities management capability and the financial capacity to undertake a project of the size and complexity of our redevelopment project.

In announcing the milestone to the crowd at the Grand Opening, Minister of Health Promotion Margaret Best said, "This is an exciting achievement. Our whole community has worked hard to move this project forward. CAMH's redevelopment will benefit all those who require access to rehabilitation and treatment."

extensive discussion and review within the organization, CAMH management has decided that CAMH will maintain ownership of this property under any development scenario.

### **Tree Canopy**

As part of CAMH's ongoing efforts to maintain the health and vitality of its tree canopy, we will be planting four new trees on the east side of White Squirrel Way (three Sweet Gum trees and one London Plane tree) in the area near the former tennis court. As part of regular maintenance, CAMH will also be removing several dead (and potentially hazardous) trees from the southern portion its property. These removals have been approved by City of Toronto Forestry staff.

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