



CAMH Queen Street Redevelopment community update: September 13, 2007

This fall, the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) is proud to share plans for the next phase of the Queen Street redevelopment project with our neighbours. This e-bulletin also provides a short update of construction progress on Phase 1A of the redevelopment project.

Come to CAMH's Open House and Public Meeting Wednesday October 3, 2007

The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, in partnership with the City of Toronto, is pleased to extend an invitation to our neighbours to attend an Open House and Public Meeting at **1001 Queen Street West on Wednesday October 3** to introduce the next phase of the Queen Street redevelopment project.

Neighbours are invited to drop by any time between 4:30 pm and 6:30 pm to view plans and visuals of the new buildings that we hope to begin constructing in 2009. Following the Open House, Deputy Mayor Joe Pantalone will chair the Public Meeting, which begins at 7:00pm. The Public Meeting will include a comprehensive presentation of Phase 1B of CAMH's redevelopment plans and will provide an opportunity for questions to be asked and answered.

Both the Open House and the Public Meeting will be held in the cafeteria, located in the Community Centre at 1001 Queen Street West. On the day of the meeting, signage directing people to the cafeteria will be posted at the Queen Street site.

Next Steps in the Queen Street Redevelopment Project

[Phase 1B of CAMH's Queen Street redevelopment project](#) will be a major step towards fulfilling the vision of a mixed-use urban village. A highlight is the new Client Care Building that will include 12 new beds for youth aged 15 to 24 who are dealing with both mental health and addictions issues, a vulnerable and high-needs group. These beds are the first of their kind in Toronto and reflect CAMH's commitment to extending high-quality care towards under-served groups. This building will also house CAMH's Geriatric Mental Health Program, which combines 48 in-patient beds with a suite of outpatient programming and supports.



The three new buildings of this phase (shown at left) feature large windows and plenty of natural light, and will both complement and add to the Queen Street West neighbourhood. Great outdoor spaces, such as a private courtyard for CAMH clients, generous sidewalks and tree-lined boulevards will also be provided. We can never know exactly how mental health and addiction care will change in the future, but we can build flexible buildings that can accommodate changing needs and uses over time. Through the

construction of flexible buildings, CAMH's redevelopment project will ensure that our facilities can keep pace with advances in treatment.

As was reported in our July 18 e-bulletin, CAMH submitted a Site Plan Application for Phase 1B of the redevelopment project to the City of Toronto in June, 2007. In July, an Application for Minor Variance was also submitted. This application will be reviewed by the Toronto and East York Committee of Adjustment on October 24, 2007.

Update on the first phase of construction

The four buildings of Phase 1A of the Queen Street redevelopment project will be occupied and operational by the end of March, 2008. This fall, the landscaping will be completed, along with the repairs to the Heritage Wall and the final exterior touches to the new buildings. CAMH thanks its neighbours for their patience and understanding throughout the past year of construction.

If you have any specific questions about the update, or items that you would like addressed in future e-updates, please contact Christopher Edey, whose contact information is provided below.

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