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Dear Neighbours,

Thank you to everyone who has contributed his or her thoughts and input to the design process for the new public park at the corner of Queen Street West and Fennings Street (outlined in red to the right). This process included a public meeting of the Neighbourhood Liaison Committee on March 20, 2007, as well as input from the City of Toronto's Urban Forestry and Parks and Recreation Departments, CAMH's Client and Family Reference Group and Deputy Mayor Joe Pantalone. We are pleased to announce that a final design concept for the park has been agreed upon and is presented on the following page.

Our overall goal was to design a park that could balance a healthy tree canopy with some sun-filled spaces. It is also to provide seating and attractive planting, as well as framing both our new buildings and the Heritage Wall. The new park will feature two rows of large-growing shade trees along the Queen Street and Fennings Street sidewalks. These trees will be a mix of Red Oaks and Silver Maples. Along the southern edge of the park, a row of London Plane Trees and Red Maples will complete the perimeter. The interior of the park will contain a grove of flowering trees and seating. A drinking fountain will also be installed along Queen Street West.

As those who have been involved in this process will recall, these lands have a layer of historical fill which is contaminated with concentrations of heavy metals higher than what the Ministry of Environment allows for parkland and residential uses. It is CAMH's plan to remove this contaminated fill, add clean soil and construct the new park as planned. Unfortunately, the existing trees must be removed as part of this work. The trees will likely be removed in the coming week so that park construction (and new tree growth) can begin as soon as possible, as it is our plan to restore public access to the new park by late summer 2007. CAMH has received a permit to remove the existing trees from the City of Toronto.

Thank you again to everyone who participated in this process.

Sincerely,

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