



## **CAMH Queen Street Redevelopment progress update: November 15, 2007**

In this Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) Queen Street redevelopment project bulletin, please find an update on the planning and design of the next phase of our project, as well as news from the construction site.

### **Phase 1B Open House Wrap-up**

Thank you to all of our neighbours who attended the Phase 1B Open House and the City of Toronto's Public Meeting on our current Site Plan Application on October 3. Many of the graphics and plans presented at that event can now be viewed on the [What's Coming Next](#) section of the Redevelopment Project's website at [camh.net](http://camh.net). New information will continue to be posted to the redevelopment site as the project advances.



**Left: the future client-run *Out of this World Café*, at the southeast corner of CAMH's new Outpatient and Administrative Building. Right: looking east along future New Street, CAMH's Outpatient and Administrative Building is to the left and the combined Central Plant / Parking Garage / Client gymnasium is at right.**

The three new buildings of Phase 1B are a major step in the transformation of 1001 Queen Street West from an isolated campus to an integrated urban village. In addition to the new buildings, new boulevards, sidewalks and roads will define the emerging urban fabric. CAMH plans to begin construction of two road segments in Spring 2008. The demolition of the existing Administration Building (the three-storey brick building along Queen Street West) is tentatively

scheduled to begin in early 2009. This preparatory work will allow construction of the main project to commence in Fall 2009.

The Toronto and East York Committee of Adjustment approved CAMH's Minor Variances at its meeting on October 24. The variances involve small modifications to the building envelopes defined by the City's Zoning By-Law.

### **Phase 1A Construction**

Eastern Construction will complete exterior construction of the four buildings of Phase 1A in early December. Future White Squirrel Way and the accompanying sidewalk were recently completed and work has begun on the landscaping, which includes 74 new trees and a new public park at the southwest corner of Queen Street West and Fennings Street. In only a few weeks, the construction fence along Queen Street will be removed.

The greening of the site is not limited to ground level either. In late October, a 3000 square foot **green roof** was completed atop Building E1 (the closest building to Queen Street). The new green roof will act to insulate the building, retain stormwater and improve local air quality.



**Left: Downtown rises in the background above the newly installed Green Roof atop Building E1. The mixture of grasses and flowering plants will be fully-grown in two years.**

### **Heritage Wall**

Repairs to the nearly century and a half-old Heritage Wall on the western boundary of 1001 Queen Street West were completed in early November. The work included extensive repairs to the wall foundations, the replacement of thousands of decaying, chipped or completely absent bricks and the installation of a new flashing cap to protect the wall from future water damage.

CAMH is always on the lookout for training and employment opportunities for our clients, recognizing that work and income are vitally important to mental health and recovery. A small number of CAMH clients participated in the wall project as paid masonry apprentices, and will have the opportunity to move onwards towards a career in the construction industry. CAMH would like to thank its neighbours on the east side of Dovercourt Road for their patience and understanding during the repair work in our shared laneway.

The work of photographer Tom Lackey, who chronicled the many inscribed bricks on the Heritage Wall, was displayed at the Lennox Gallery on Ossington Ave. during the week of October 22. Called ['Voices from the Wall'](#), Tom's documentation of this oft-overlooked chapter of Toronto's history was reported on by the Toronto Star, CBC Radio's Metro Morning and even CBC's National News.

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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