



CAMH Queen Street Redevelopment progress update: Wednesday October 23, 2008

In this edition of the Queen Street Redevelopment e-bulletin, please find updates on: The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) and the upcoming YIMBY festival at the Gladstone Hotel, the temporary relocation of several CAMH programs and facilities in preparation for the next phase of the CAMH redevelopment project and non-CAMH development.

Yes In My Backyard (YIMBY) Festival, Saturday October 25 @ the Gladstone Hotel

CAMH is proud to be one of the 40 participating organizations in the third annual Yes In My Backyard (YIMBY) Festival on Saturday October 25 at the Gladstone Hotel. The focus of the festival is to create a fair-like atmosphere where people working in or interested in citizen based community development can gather and exchange ideas, strategies and celebrate the achievements of their respective organizations. At the event, CAMH will display a wide variety of visuals depicting our multi-phased redevelopment project. Knowledgeable CAMH staff will be on-hand to answer questions about the transformation of the Queen Street site and what it will mean for the community.

The event runs from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. this Saturday at the Gladstone Hotel (1214 Queen Street West @ Gladstone). For more information and a full list of participants, please visit the YIMBY website at: <http://www.gladstonehotel.com/yimby/>.

Temporary relocation of CAMH programs and Administration Building demolition

Before the three buildings of Phase 1B of the Queen Street redevelopment project can be constructed, the existing three storey brick Administration Building at 1001 Queen Street West must be demolished. The demolition is scheduled to begin in early 2010 and will require a series 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 the beginning of December 2008. Later, CAMH's core administrative personnel will move to 901 King Street West. As well, Workman Arts will be moving to 651 Dufferin Avenue in April 2009. This series of renovations and moves will continue throughout 2009, until the Administration Building is completely vacant by November 2009.

Only CAMH administrative functions, Workman Arts and counseling programs that work with persons already living in the community will be moving to the three smaller off-site locations shown on the map below. The outpatient programs that are moving to 862 Richmond Street West work exclusively with persons who are outpatients of CAMH and who live in the community. In general, CAMH staff works to assist these people regarding the social determinants of health (e.g. housing, employment) their ongoing recovery plans and community living. Their work consists of both visiting persons where they live and receiving these registered outpatients for regular appointments.

These off-site locations were presented for discussion at the May and September 2008 meetings of CAMH's Neighbourhood Liaison Committee. As well, 5000 flyers discussing the moves will be distributed to homes in the vicinity. We will continue to keep our neighbours updated as part of an extensive communication strategy to make these moves as seamless as possible.



Above: Space has been leased in three locations in close proximity to CAMH’s site at 1001 Queen Street West. These locations will temporarily host CAMH programs displaced by the demolition of the Administration Building.

Non-CAMH Development

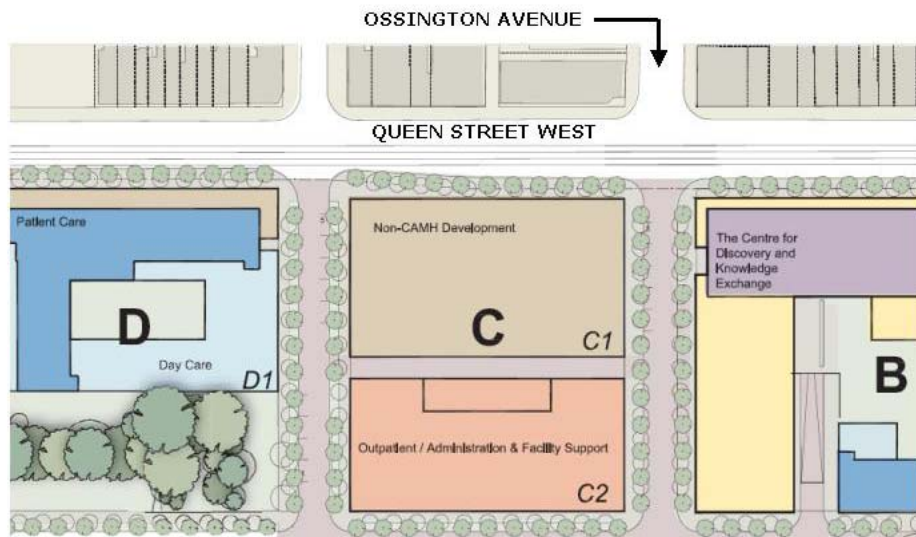
CAMH is in the process of selecting a partner to lease and develop the first block of land designated for non-hospital uses within the Queen Street redevelopment project. The long-term goal is to have CAMH and non-hospital uses in roughly equal portions in a mixed-use urban village. CAMH plans to release and advertise a Request for Proposals (RFP) document this November for the opportunity to lease and develop this parcel of land, which we refer to as Block C1.

CAMH expects that development on Block C1 will contribute to the achievement of the site-wide vision through:

- Developing the site and introducing new land uses in a manner consistent with the goals expressed in the Guidelines for the Development of non-CAMH Lands and Urban Design Guidelines for the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health
- Creating a major anchor for the Urban Village and drawing people to the site
- In cooperation with CAMH, providing opportunities for CAMH client employment and training in the proposed uses
- Creating a pedestrian-friendly streetscape that fits within the established character of Queen Street West
- Delivering a building of comparable architectural quality to the newly built and proposed CAMH facilities
- Generating financial return for CAMH to assist in the funding of CAMH's new facilities

A building on this block is permitted to have a height of 13 meters (about three stories) along Queen Street West, with a step back that permits a maximum height of 25 meters (about six stories) for the remainder of the property. A wide variety of retail, commercial and residential uses are permitted. Any development on this property is required to provide for its own parking requirements. Finally, the development permit process for this block will include a review by the Site Plan Review Committee and a Public Meeting.

It is CAMH's goal to have this first step of non-hospital development completed at the same time as the three Phase 1B buildings in the fall of 2012 in order to minimize construction-related disruption. Further updates and information will be provided as this project develops.



Above: Block C1 will be the first non-CAMH block to be developed as part of CAMH's Queen Street redevelopment project

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