

Community Meeting Highlights

As the redevelopment and expansion of our University Centre progresses we will continue to use this newsletter, our website and community meetings to tell you about each stage of the work so that you will know what to expect. We also invite you to get in touch with us if you have any questions, suggestions or concerns. We understand that construction noise and activity can be disruptive and we very much appreciate your patience and support.

At our third community meeting, on September 4, we talked about the next stage of the project – demolition of the hospital's two-storey auditorium and the remaining foundation of the recently-demolished (Elm Street) wing. This work will be followed by the construction of a 13-storey patient care and research tower, scheduled to begin in January 2009. Those who were at the meeting had several questions. In this issue of Community Link, we will share their questions – and our responses – for the benefit of those who could not attend.

If you have additional questions, please get in touch with us. Our contact information is on page 2.

Q: What will the hours of work for this project be?

A: All construction work will take place within the City of Toronto's approved construction hours:

- 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Monday to Friday; and
- 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

Q: How noisy will the work be?

A: Over the next three months the noise levels associated with demolishing the foundation of the old south wing will be similar to that of the recent south wing building demolition. The good news is that when the new tower construction begins,

in early January 2009, noise levels should be significantly reduced. Toronto Rehab and our construction company, Aecon Buildings (Aecon), are committed to keeping noise levels well within the Toronto municipal bylaws regulating environmental noise.

Q: What will be done to contain dust during demolition and construction?

A: Aecon will spray water on the site to contain dust, just as was done during demolition of the south tower, except when colder temperatures would make it impractical or unsafe for workers on the site. In this event, Aecon will use other dust control methods.

Construction Timelines

Early-mid Sept. to late Oct. 2008

- Installation of protective hoarding around the construction site.
- Demolition of the two-storey hospital auditorium.
- Installation of steam, sanitation, storm and domestic water connections from Murray and Elm Streets to the hospital.
- Demolition of the below-ground foundation section of the recently-demolished south wing begins.

Mid-Oct. – early Jan. 2009

- Installation of construction shoring supports to anchor the new wing.
- Excavation of the site of the new wing.

Mid-November

- A crane (similar in size to the crane currently in use at Mount Sinai Hospital) arrives on site.

Mid-January - December 2009

- New south wing construction.

January – March 2010

- Work on interior of new wing.

Late 2010 – late 2011

- Work on internal renovations to the existing east and north wings of the hospital.

Q: Will there be any particularly large construction equipment on the site?

A: Beginning in mid-November, there will be a large crane on site (similar to the one currently in use at Mount Sinai). The crane will typically move loads within the space protected by hoarding. If there is a need to move materials through air space outside of the construction hoardings, traffic will be temporarily stopped and all appropriate safety practices will be adhered to. The crane will be on site for about 13 months.

Q: How will you ensure the community's safety while the work is going on?

A: Wooden hoarding and/or fencing plus a covered pedestrian walkway are being put up to enclose the site and ensure public and pedestrian safety. Toronto Rehab and Aecon are committed to community safety and will meet or exceed relevant municipal and provincial guidelines and regulations. We will do what we can to minimize the impact of the project on the neighbourhood.

Q: How will local traffic be affected?

A: The City has authorized us to put up hoarding around the site. With this in place, we expect that vehicle traffic at the intersection of Elm Street and University Avenue will not be significantly affected other than for short interruptions as large equipment arrives at the site and when we are making sanitation and other service connections.

In early-mid October, Aecon will put up protective hoarding and a covered pedestrian walkway along the south edge of the construction site, extending slightly onto Elm Street. The south end of Murray Street, from the corner of Elm Street running north about 25 metres (82 feet), will also accommodate a covered pedestrian walkway as well as parking space for trucks delivering construction supplies. The hoarding will extend part-way into the east lane of Murray Street, however two-way traffic will be maintained. The hoarding and walkway will remain in place until late 2010. The pedestrian cross-walk at the intersection of Elm and Murray Streets will not be affected.

To maintain reasonable traffic flow, trucks destined for the construction site will travel in one direction only. They will approach the site from University Avenue, proceed west on Elm Street and north on Murray Street. When leaving the construction area the trucks will travel north on Murray Street and east on Orde Street to reconnect with University Avenue.

Local traffic may be affected by temporary lane closures on Elm Street and Murray Street through September and October 2008 to allow work on steam, sanitation, storm and domestic water connections to the hospital. Flagpersons will be in place to help direct traffic flow.

Local traffic may be interrupted for a few hours when a crane is being delivered to the site. We will notify you in advance of the date and time.

Q: Where will construction vehicles enter/exit the construction site?

A: The primary point of entry for construction vehicles will be off Murray Street, about 150 feet north of the Elm and Murray Street intersection (just south of the Toronto Rehab loading dock). There will be a secondary point of construction vehicle access to the site on the north-east corner of Elm and Murray Streets.

Stay Informed

We appreciate the interest and support of our community during this important project. Here are several ways that you can keep in touch and get more information:

- Visit our website at www.torontorehab.com and click on Read about Redevelopment on the homepage for the latest news and information;
- Attend our community information meetings, held 2-3 times a year. Invitations are distributed to neighbouring residences about one to two weeks in advance of meetings. Also check our website regularly for meeting notices;
- Read our Community Link newsletter which we will circulate 6-8 times a year to inform you of important milestones or developments;
- Contact us by phone at 416-597-3422 ext. 3343 or e-mail at: redvelopment@torontorehab.on.ca and we will get back to you to discuss your questions.

Questions or concerns?

At Toronto Rehab we are committed to openness and to keeping our valued neighbours informed of our efforts to improve patient care. If you have any questions or concerns about this renovation project, please call our redevelopment hotline at 416-597-3422 ext.3343