

Community Meeting

If you would like to learn more about Toronto Rehab's redevelopment please come to our next community information meeting

Date: Thursday, September 4, 2008

Time: 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Place: Lecture Theatre, basement, University Centre, 550 University Avenue. *If you are unable to attend, please note that you will receive a summary of the meeting in the next issue of Community Link.*

Work on Elm - August 23rd

Please note that on Saturday, August 23rd, from approximately 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. traffic on Elm Street between Simcoe Street and Murray Street may be intermittently delayed for short periods of time (a few minutes) to allow Aecon to locate underground hydro cables. It is necessary to determine the location of the hydro cables before construction of the new Toronto Rehab tower begins. There will be some normal construction noise during the work. Police officers from Toronto Police Services will be on hand to direct traffic around the work. Elm Street will remain open for pedestrians.

Construction set to start on Toronto Rehab's new wing

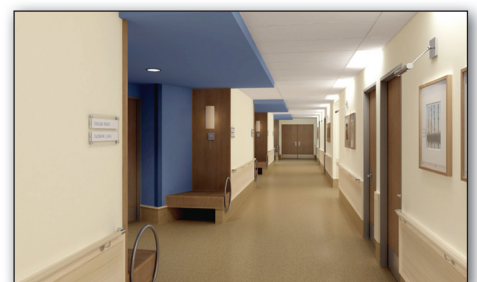
With demolition of its south wing complete, Toronto Rehab is ready to begin work on the expansion and redevelopment of its University Centre. The project will start with construction of a new 13-storey patient care and research tower on the site of the demolished wing.

Aecon Buildings, a division of Aecon Group Inc., is the construction company selected to build the new tower. Aecon has helped to build many of Canada's most famous landmarks – including the CN Tower the St. Lawrence Seaway, and the Calgary Olympic Oval. Other important Aecon projects have included factories, roads, theatres, power plants, offices and hotels.

Work has already begun to prepare the site for construction of the hospital's new tower. Over the coming month, the focus will be on erecting protective hoarding, re-routing hydro, water and storm connections and demolishing the remaining

foundation of the old wing which is below ground. All work, whether preparing the site for the new tower, or building of the new tower, will take place within the City of Toronto's approved construction hours: 7:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m. Monday to Friday; 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. on weekends and statutory holidays.

We understand that our community may be concerned about the potential noise, dust and traffic congestion associated with major construction. While some disruption is unavoidable, we will do our best to minimize the impact on our neighbouring community. We encourage you to attend our community information meetings to ask any questions that you may have. We will also provide you with regular updates on the construction process through this newsletter and on our website at www.torontorehab.com.



View of Toronto Rehab, 2011: The new tower will be attractive, with comfortable patient rooms and wide, bright hallways conducive to rehabilitation

The big picture: University Centre 2011

Over the next four years, the Toronto Rehab University Centre redevelopment project will involve:

- Construction of a new 13-storey patient care and research wing;
- Renovations to the existing 12-storey east wing and four-storey north wing;
- Improved entry/accessibility to the building for patients and families.

The results

- Facilities that are more conducive to the delivery of patient care for adults undergoing rehabilitation for serious injury and illness, such as stroke, brain injury, multiple traumas and cancer;
- Custom-designed space in which to conduct ground-breaking research. The new wing will include iDAPT (Intelligent Design for Adaptation, Participation and Technology), advanced laboratories that will bring together the brightest research minds and state-of-the-art technology to improve the lives of people recovering from, or living with disabling injuries or illness, and age-related conditions;
- Dedicated space to accommodate the hundreds of students who choose to complete their clinical training at Toronto Rehab each year.

Staying informed

Here are several ways that you can keep in touch and get more information on our construction and renovation project:

- Visit our website at www.torontorehab.com and click on Read about Redevelopment on the homepage for the latest news and information. Click on the video link to see an up-to-date view of the construction progress;
- Watch for issue of this Community Link newsletter for news on the status of the construction project;
- Attend our community information meetings. Notices of upcoming meetings are included in Community Link and on our website.
- Call us at 416-597-3422 ext 3343 or contact us via e-mail at redvelopment@torontorehab.on.com;
- For more information on Aecon Buildings (a division of Aecon Group Inc.) go to www.aecon.com.

Timelines

Summer/Fall 2008

Construction of new 13-storey patient care south tower begins

May 2010

Renovation of existing east wing and north wing expected to begin

October 2011

Redevelopment project completed

Thank you for your support

This ambitious construction and renovation project means so much to so many people – most especially our patients and the 4.4 million Canadians living with a disability. We thank you for your interest, support and understanding.

As Toronto Rehab's redevelopment moves forward, the Toronto Rehab Foundation will rely on the generosity of the community to help make this new beginning one that will benefit generations of patients and families to come. For more information or to find out how you can help, please go to www.torontorehabfoundation.com or call 416-597-3040

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