

# West 5th Redevelopment News

## Patient Mockup Room Open for Business

Through the combined input from our planning and design team and valuable ideas from employee and client user groups, a conceptual design of an inpatient bedroom for the new hospital has been developed and brought to life in the form of a mock up room.

Between February and March, over 175 staff, patients and family members visited the patient mockup room, providing feedback on the general layout of the room as well as the overall conceptual renderings of the new campus.

“We are very pleased with the turnout and variety of stakeholders who have visited the room to date,” said Krista Chroshuk, Project Manager, Redevelopment, West 5th Campus.

“The mockup room provided a timely opportunity for staff and patients to offer input into the design of this critical area,” she added. “Our team enjoyed having the chance to meet many patients and staff, and to speak to them about their questions and concerns, not only about the patient room but also the overall design process.”

The single patient room concept was seen as a positive and important step in maintaining the privacy and dignity of our clients. The team received comments and suggestions on a number of elements, including:

- Bed placement
- Solution for blind spot in corner room
- Size and positioning of window
- Sight lines
- Space for wheelchairs, lifts and work area for staff
- Door design



Jodi Younger, redevelopment team member, discusses mockup room with visitors.

*“We look forward to continued feedback as we enter the next stage of room design development in the coming months.”*  
Krista Chroshuk

“Problems with the brain are no different than problems with the heart or joints.”

*Dr. Bob Zipursky*



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# Message from Dr. Zipursky

On March 24, we reached an important milestone in the journey to our new campus when we issued the project's Request for Qualifications (RFQ).

The RFQ is the first step in the process of selecting the project group that will design, build, finance and maintain (DBFM) our new campus.

Through this step, we will identify project teams that have the design, construction and management experience, plus the financial capacity, to take on a project of this size and complexity. Those teams will be invited to respond to the Request for Proposals (RFP), which we expect to issue this fall.

In the meantime, the redevelopment team, along with members of user groups and Ontario government representatives, are working hard to finalize the project specific output specifications (PSOS) which will be included in the RFP. The PSOS will provide a clear and detailed picture to bidders of what we want and need in this new campus.

Our patient mockup room was open in February and March so that staff, patients, families and other interested parties could take a look at the rough design and provide suggestions and feedback. There was quite a buzz around the site when the room was opened – plenty of people stopped by to not only view the mockup room, but also to view and discuss conceptual renderings of the new campus.

As we move into summer, our teams will continue their hard work preparing for the RFP this fall. I would like to thank everyone for their time, support, input and commitment to ensuring we end up with a world-class healthcare campus to support the excellent care our teams provide.



Dr. Bob Zipursky, VP Mental Health & Addiction Services and Chief of Psychiatry at SJHH and HHS, Chair of the Dept. of Psychiatry and Behavioural Neurosciences at McMaster University.

## Facts and Figures

- Mental illness costs the Canadian economy an estimated \$51 billion per year
- 40% of short and long term disability claims involve mental illness
- 16% of all hospital stays in Canada are related to treatment for mental illness
- Canadians are among the largest consumers of psychotherapeutic drugs in the world, with 53 million prescriptions in 2007.
- SJHH staff have spent 2,754 hours in design related meetings since January, 2008



# Questions, Comments and Coming Attractions



In each issue of W5th Redevelopment News, we will address questions and comments you have brought to our attention. Please send your questions to [newmtn@stjoes.ca](mailto:newmtn@stjoes.ca), or drop them in the employee suggestion box across from reception at the West 5th Campus.

## Questions and Comments

### I'm hearing talk about "enabling works". What is this and who will be affected?

Enabling works, or early works, refers to site preparation we can complete before construction begins on the new hospital. This work often includes installation or relocation of underground services such as water and hydro, and/or grading for things like roads or parking. As of publication date, the scope of early works is yet to be confirmed. Updates will be circulated when early works plans are confirmed.

### What's going to happen to Century Manor?

Century Manor is owned by the provincial government and managed by the Ontario Realty Corporation (ORC). The building will remain on ORC property and is unaffected by the redevelopment project. A group of dedicated community members is working with ORC, the City of Hamilton, Mohawk College and others to find interest and funding for the restoration and use of Century Manor.

### Is our building maintenance group going to be laid off once this new hospital is built?

No. Employees responsible for building maintenance will transfer to the successful bidding team and work at the new campus. The terms of their collective agreements will be honoured and their union representation maintained. There are strong protections in place for employees being transferred under both existing provincial legislation and contractually in their collective agreements. The government and SJHH will ensure the contract with the building maintenance team clearly adheres to these obligations.

### What will happen when the current collective agreement expires?

During the term of the project agreement between the hospital and the eventual project company, the building maintenance group will negotiate terms of subsequent collective agreements through their applicable union either in direct negotiations with the project company or through the centralized bargaining process for Ontario hospitals.

### Does that March 24 letter regarding the RFQ mean I'm losing my job?

No. The March 24th press release (letter) was not related to jobs; it officially announced the bidding process for our new hospital had begun. This means companies interested in designing, building, financing and maintaining our new campus can indicate their interest in and qualifications for being invited to bid on the project when the RFP goes out in the fall.

## News and Coming Attractions

On May 1, a significant project milestone was reached when the block schematics (a detailed conceptual layout of each floor and room of the new building) for our new hospital were submitted to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. These will be evaluated to ensure the eventual design of the hospital meets our functional needs and supports best practices in health care as set out by the Ministry.

# A New Healthcare Centre Needs More Than Four Walls, a Roof and a Floor

The Ontario government will assume the eligible costs associated with the structure of our new building, but St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton (SJHH) will need much more than four walls, a roof and a floor to serve the community at this new campus.

We need equipment to help our healthcare practitioners diagnose illnesses quickly and accurately, and treat them efficiently and effectively. We need funding for clinical and basic science research...research that will ensure we continue to work to understand the root causes of disease and discover new treatments that will improve outcomes for our patients. We need to provide educational space and programs that will foster the training of the healthcare professionals of tomorrow. And we need furnishings to create a staff and patient care environment that is warm, welcoming and functional.

That's why, over the next five years, St. Joseph's Healthcare Foundation will be raising \$10 million to support this vital project.

By building a facility that brings together mental health and addiction services, leading-edge research, and broad-based medical care, we will break down barriers and prove that mental illnesses and addictions are just like other treatable medical illnesses. To find out how you can support the redevelopment of St. Joseph's West 5th campus, visit [www.stjoesfoundation.ca](http://www.stjoesfoundation.ca) and click on Fundraising Priorities.



Conceptual rendering of new campus

## Potential Bidders Visit SJHH

On April 21, SJHH and Infrastructure Ontario (IO) hosted an information session for parties considering submitting responses to the RFQ. More than 70 people, representing a variety of construction, engineering and architectural companies, attended. IO talked about the AFP and DBFM processes, and hospital team members discussed our services, what we want and need to see in the new building and our philosophy of care and integration. The session ended with a brief external tour of our site, which gave bidders the opportunity to appreciate the unique natural landscape of our escarpment campus.

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