

BUILDING BLOCKS

Keeping you informed about redevelopment at William Osler Health Centre

Landscape architecture at BCH

November 2006

The buildings are up and the interiors are progressing rapidly, but what about all the dust and mud on the site of Brampton Civic Hospital (BCH)? How will the grounds take shape?

“There are a number of things that influence the landscape design of a healthcare facility” advises Jim Melville of PMA Landscape Architects, contracted firm for the BCH project. “There are standards that the City of Brampton sets, WOHC has certain requirements, and the team of consultants from EllisDon/Carillion sets criteria. We bring all those principles to the table and then we draft the plan.”

And what a plan it is!

A beautiful area exemplifying Brampton’s Flower City theme slopes upward along a walking path as people enter the site at the southwest corner. Terraced gardens filled with perennials and ornamental plantings provide a great location for Osler special events or perhaps community gatherings such as concerts.



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Project Status at a Glance

Communications

Continue to increase staff and public awareness of the project through print, television and on-site tours

Construction

Contracts now signed for some DI, CSR, Lab and Surgery equipment

Equipment Planning

Tender process for large equipment continues.
Contracts now signed for some DI, CSR and Lab equipment, Surgical department articulating arms, surgical lights and ceiling mounted procedure lights

Foundation

Golf Ball gala November 4, 2007 will raise funds for integrated campaign. Over \$80 million raised to date

Information Technology

Infrastructure acquisition is on time and progressing well

Operational Planning

Workflow re-engineering Phase II has begun: Programs and Departments are developing their work plans for the new space.

Did you know?

- In the Diagnostic and Therapeutics building, there are two banks of three public elevators each, and two banks of three service elevators, including one oversized elevator measuring 8 x 15 ft. That’s a total of 12 elevators!
- The 90 degree turns between the oversized elevator and the largest OR have been reduced for quicker access.
- In the Inpatient building there are two banks each containing four service elevators and three public elevators, totaling 14 elevators.
- All elevators at BCH are gearless and many will have audible floor announcements.
- Two dedicated ‘clean’ elevators will carry only clean supplies to the operating rooms and one elevator will carry soiled linens and instruments from the operating rooms to Central Sterile Reprocessing. This arrangement is designed to improve infection control and enhance patient safety.

BCH WELCOMES HONOURED VISTIORS

Mid-October brought visits to WOHC by John Tory, Leader of the Ontario Conservative Party and by the Hon. George Smitherman, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care.

John Tory, Leader of the Official Opposition, paid a visit to both Peel Memorial and Brampton Civic hospitals on Wednesday, October 18.

During the tours, Mr. Tory spoke with Osler administrators, staff and patients to get a close look at issues affecting PMH and the progress on construction of BCH.

Mr. Tory has visited 15 hospitals in Ontario since becoming leader of the Ontario Conservative Party with the purpose of better understanding the challenges facing our health care system.



The Atrium

Osler Board Chair Gord Laschinger, Board member Michael Collins and Vice Presidents Dawne Barbieri, Brenda Elsbury, Ian Marshall and Vicki Truman accompanied Mr. Tory on the tour.



Dr. Mohammad pointing out features in Triage and Registration



Emergency Department

\$ 18.9 million announced for BCH...

On Friday October 20, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, Hon. George Smitherman, announced funding of \$18.9 million for equipment purchase at Brampton Civic Hospital (BCH).

At a press conference that included a tour of the BCH Emergency Department, Minister Smitherman, MPP Kuldip Kular and Mayor Susan Fennell addressed invited guests in the atrium of the new hospital to express their excitement about progress on the project as it nears completion in less than a year.

“As I see the progress being made in finishing this hospital, my enthusiasm is really quite palpable. The level of excitement I feel today is extraordinary.” said Minister Smitherman.

Local MPPs Vic Dhillon and Linda Jeffrey, and representatives of the Central West LHIN, Region of Peel, Ontario Medical Association and Brampton Board of Trade also attended the event.



Isolation Zone



Checking out the steel supports for the articulating arms in the resuscitation rooms in ED



Emergency Department

The \$18.9 million pledged will allow WOHC to proceed with equipment purchase and installation at BCH.

Landscaping continued from front page...

Walkways of coloured concrete draw people toward the main entrance. A paved zone in front of the main lobby contains benches and shade structures that look a little like sails. An area in the shape of an “O” will be filled with flowering trees and plants.

Careful thought was given to the uses of each area. Along pathways, benches at rest spots have center arms to push off for assistance with rising. They’re made of wood that will weather to a beautiful colour and not be too cold to sit on in winter. Near bus stops, there are plantings to look at and waist-high walls for casual sitting.

Accessibility considerations include limiting the slope on outdoor paths and providing wheelchair ramps and rest stops. Textured or coloured surfaces aid in wayfinding, raised crosswalks act as speedbumps and curb-cuts in sidewalks bring surfaces even with roads. A hierarchy of lighting on site - with tall lights in parking areas and a waist-high bollard system along walkways – assists with wayfinding and serves as an aesthetic feature.

“Some areas offer different scents. Some offer themes such as tranquility, or an escape from it all. The change of seasons will happen naturally with perennials of all colours throughout spring, summer and autumn and also deciduous and coniferous trees,” says Melville.

There are outdoor courtyards and garden areas between and around the buildings for public and staff use. Gardens for adult day care and chronic care patients include A-frame tables that allow wheelchair patients to garden at table height. Some spaces provide a function beyond a quiet getaway, such as a spot with numerous walking surfaces where staff can assess patient mobility on asphalt, screenings, concrete, stepping stones and ramps.

Overall, the Brampton Civic Hospital site will be a lower maintenance site. There will be areas of lawn, although perennial plantings and other surfaces will predominate. “Once established, the site will have a bit of a ‘woolly’ look” says Melville. “We’re using native plantings because they conserve water and provide the unique flavour of Ontario. The amount of trees and plants going into this site is exceptional.”



Construction Update

- **Construction is now 85% complete.**
- **Finishes such as doors, light fixtures and plumbing are being installed.**
- **Roads on the site have been paved**
- **Hydro, natural gas and water to the site are functional**



Staff tours of BCH:

Tours for clinical and support teams may be booked through Leigh Barnett at ext. 56812.



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