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Non-CAMH Building Construction Update and Schedule

The non-CAMH building now being constructed at Ossington Avenue and Queen Street West will house street-level retail with seven floors of much needed, affordable rental housing. This building is scheduled to open its doors in early 2012.

Construction work is continuing underground at the P2 level. Waterproofing and drainage systems will be completed and the first concrete slab will be poured, including walls to the P1 level by the end of March. The two underground parking levels will be completed in April, followed by the formation of the ground floor in May.

Excavation is nearly completed, and there are approximately 70 loads of soil being removed from the site each day. Best efforts are being made to keep Queen Street free of mud by daily street-sweeping.

During the **week of February 28, a mobile crane** will be delivered to the non-CAMH site; and during the **week of March 14, flatbed trucks will be delivering a tower crane** to the site.

As these latter deliveries are oversize loads, they will be accompanied by police escorts to ensure traffic and pedestrian safety. An oversize load permit will be on site. Following the delivery of the tower crane, it will be assembled on site, which will take about a week to complete.



An architectural rendering of the first non-CAMH building, which will be at the southwest corner of Ossington Avenue and Queen Street West, shows how a mix of retail and affordable rental housing will add new vibrancy to Queen Street West. This image shows an artist rendering of the building viewed from the northeast.

The non-CAMH site will also see construction activity on **Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**, for which the builder has permission.

This integrated redevelopment – the mix of CAMH and non-CAMH uses, connected to the surrounding neighbourhood – will enhance the recovery of CAMH clients and the health of the wider community while helping to breakdown the stigma associated with mental illness and addictions.