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Update on Construction Activities for the Non-CAMH Building

As an update to the bulletin of September 30, 2010, below is an outline of the construction activities that have either taken place earlier this week or will be taking place later this week and next with regard to the **non-CAMH building**, located at Queen Street West and Ossington Avenue.

These changes are necessary to protect public safety and to organize general traffic around the construction site. These activities will allow Forum Equity Partners and Verdiroc Development Corporation – the lessee/developer for this **non-CAMH building** – vehicle access to the site and the hoarding to be constructed.

- To allow access to the gate of the construction site for the **non-CAMH building**, Parking Authority has removed three parking spaces on Queen Street West, near Gordon Bell Road, which were in front of the construction site.
- The bus shelter at the south side of Queen Street West, just west of Ossington Avenue, will be removed to facilitate construction. It will be replaced in the spring of 2012. However, the bus stop will remain at this location and when the covered sidewalk is installed (in January 2011), two openings will be left for passengers to safely get on and off the streetcar.
- The flyer boxes and the litter box located on Queen Street West at Freedom Street will be moved to the east side of Ossington on the south side of Queen Street West.
- There is an old utility pole and some pylons located at the lights at Queen Street West and Ossington Avenue that will be removed. Upon removal, the sidewalk will be leveled and restored.

In addition, during the month of October, an asphalt ramp will be added at the Queen Street West gate entrance of the construction site for the **non-CAMH building** to enable the trucks to smoothly enter the construction site. Also in October, wood hoarding, eight feet high, will be constructed at this site.

As mentioned above, in January 2011, a covered walkway along Queen Street West will be installed.

This first **non-CAMH building** will house street-level retail shops and seven floors of affordable rental housing, with an expected occupancy date of early 2012.

The integrated redevelopment, which consists of a mix of CAMH and non-CAMH uses and is 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.

