

Redevelopment Update June 2009



Parking Garage Update:

After much anticipation, St. Joseph's Health Centre is pleased to announce that the new parking garage opened on May 26 to accommodate 200 parking spots for our staff, physicians and volunteers. The new parking garage will not be available for patients and visitors to use until construction of the Our Lady of Mercy Building is complete. However, the staff parking spaces in the new garage will free up more space in the existing parking garage for patients and visitors.

In terms of traffic flow, only right turns will be permitted from the new parking garage onto Sunnyside Avenue. Signage has been posted to direct drivers leaving the garage that only right turns are permitted. The curved concrete island also helps to enforce the right turn only for drivers.

Over the past couple of months, local residents have expressed some concern with the lighting of the new parking garage and ambulance bay. The overhead lighting in the parking garage was designed and installed to meet all building codes and to ensure the safety and security of all staff, patients and visitors. The Health Centre is currently investigating a number of measures to reduce the glare emitted from the lights, including light shields and other barriers that will not com-

promise building codes, security and the safety of our patrons.

OLM Building Update:

Timelines for construction of the new wing are:

- Building permit: received August 2007
- Substantial performance on parking garage: May/June 2009
- Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care approval to tender: February 2009
- Tender issued: March 2009
- Tender closed: May 2009
- Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care approval to award: Spring 2009
- Award construction project: Summer 2009
- Substantial performance on OLM: Summer 2012

With the tendering process for the new building now closed, the Health Centre is preparing to submit to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care for approval to award the construction. We anticipate that the construction of the new wing will take approximately three years. The success of this project would not be possible without the ongoing patience, understanding, and support of the community and our immediate neighbours.

For more information, questions or concerns regarding our redevelopment project, residents may contact:

Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.:

Corporate Communications & Public Affairs Department at 416-530-6387 or by email at pubaff@stjoe.on.ca.

After regular business hours and on weekends:

For urgent inquiries related to the redevelopment project or site work, please contact the Health Centre's Main Switchboard at 416-530-6000 and they will put you in touch with an on-call Communications Associate.

Redevelopment information and updates are also provided on our website at www.stjoe.on.ca by clicking on "Redevelopment News" on the homepage.