



# On the Rise

## Update on the New Royal Ottawa Hospital

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### SUMMER PROGRESS

Much progress was made on the new hospital site over the summer months:

- The storm/sanitation system was completed to Merivale Road and the roadway paved.
- User groups were involved in discussing the finishing details for their work areas (millwork, cabinets).
- The plans for the auditorium were finalized.
- Construction of the 2nd floor of the west wing (Substance Use and Concurrent Disorders) proceeded ahead of the other wings, and provided visitors with a real sense of the floor plan.

### TOPPING OFF CEREMONY

The 'Topping Off' Ceremony was held on Monday, September 19th, and an interim report was delivered to the community that stated the construction of the new Royal Ottawa Hospital and the Institute of Mental Health Research was ahead of schedule by 14 days, and on budget.

The state-of-the-art practices and materials brought to the re-development project included:

- An environmentally sound excavation process that had the limestone on-site crushed and used for backfill, instead of bringing 700 truckloads of gravel to and from the site.
- New aluminum alloys were used to form the structure of the floors being erected so that concrete could be poured and steel work laid very quickly.

The construction personnel on the site continue to work feverishly to get the buildings closed in by Christmas. When the entire facility is closed in, the number of workers on-site will drop down to just under 300, after reaching a peak of 500 earlier in the fall.

### TRANSITION PLANNING

Transition planning for the move to the new hospital facility is well underway. The goal is to have the official Transition Plan completed and approved by December 15th, which will allow a holiday break before the execution of the plan begins on January 3rd, 2006.

Please continue to obey all the traffic signs, pay attention to posted speed limits, and watch for pedestrians.

We appreciate your comments and your concerns. Please continue to keep the ROHCG Communications team informed of any issues you feel need to be addressed by phone at the Royal Ottawa Hospital, (613) 722-6521, ext 6767, or by E-mail to [dgiroux@rohcg.on.ca](mailto:dgiroux@rohcg.on.ca).

### EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

In any emergency situation related to the re-development of the ROH, please contact the following:

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