

Royal Ottawa Hospital On the MOVE



Transition newsletter for partners of the Royal Ottawa Health Care Group

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ROYAL OTTAWA HOSPITAL ON BUDGET AND SIX WEEKS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

Welcome to the first edition of *On the Move*, the Royal Ottawa Health Care Group's newsletter to keep staff, neighbours, and stakeholders up to date on the progress of our historic move into a brand new, state-of-the-art Royal Ottawa Hospital. On November 1st, 2006, hospital staff, volunteers, researchers, the Royal Ottawa Health Care Foundation, and, most importantly, our patients will begin their transition to a facility designed with their health care needs in mind. The best of the best have brought their talent and knowledge to the Royal Ottawa Hospital Redevelopment Project, and due to everyone's dedication we are not only on budget but six weeks ahead of schedule.

The finish line is in sight, but we now have one of the largest tasks of the project ahead of us, a safe and seamless move. Through this monthly newsletter we hope to ensure everyone involved in our move knows what to expect throughout the next nine months to ensure a safe and successful move.

November 1st, 2006 marks an important date for our partners in a new mental health care system... please enjoy *On The Move*.



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TOURS OF NEW ROH



Tours of the new Royal Ottawa Hospital are conducted daily between 11:45 AM and 12:30 PM. for any partners wishing to see the future of the new Royal Ottawa Hospital.

The tour will provide partners with an overview of the facility layout including :

- Inpatient and outpatient units
- Winter Garden atrium and patient courtyards
- Volunteer patient services
- Education Conference facility; and
- uOttawa Institute of Mental Health Research facilities.

For the safety of all visitors, groups are limited to nine people. Hardhats and steel-toed boots will be provided.

For further details or to book a tour, please contact the Royal Ottawa Health Care Group Communications Department. at 613.722.6521 x 6761

MOVING FROM THE OLD TO THE NEW

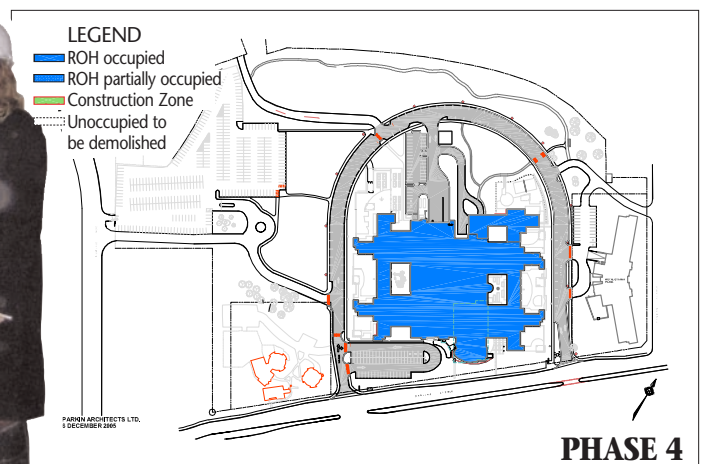
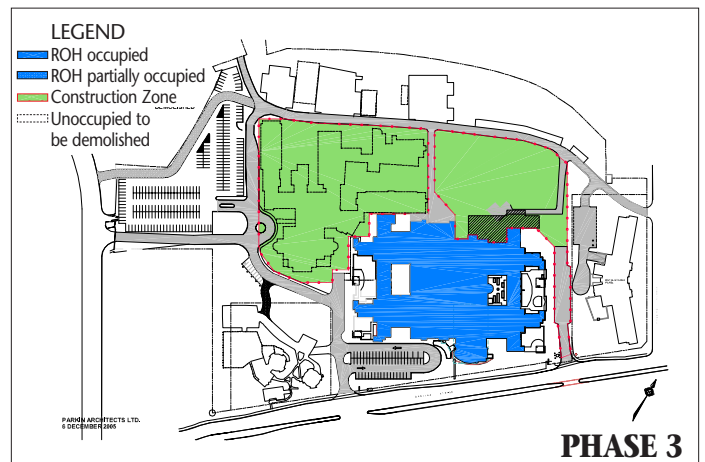
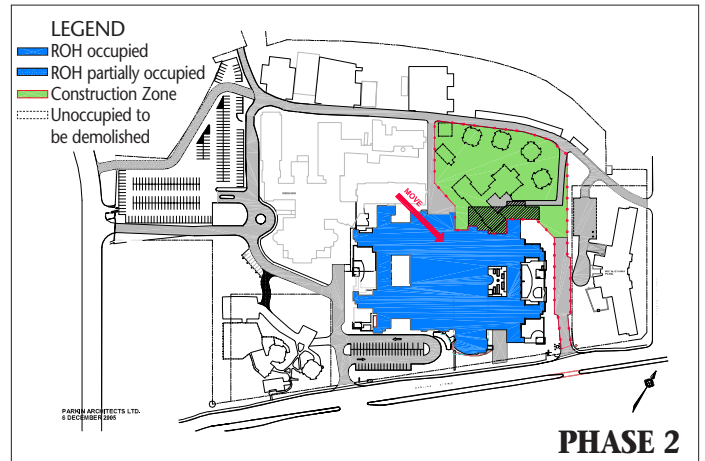
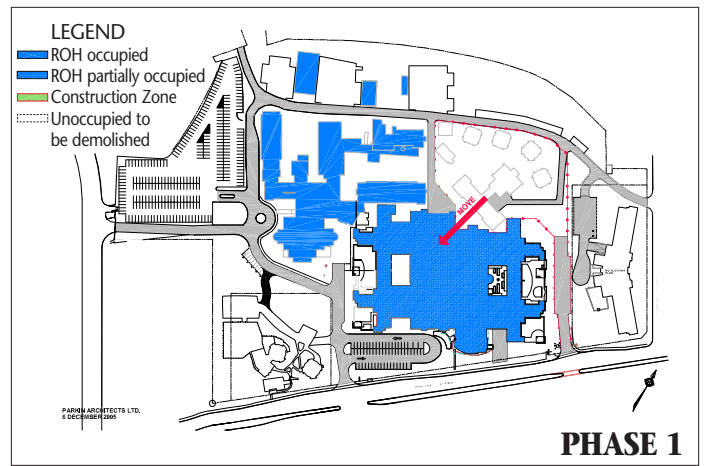
Beginning last spring, the Royal Ottawa Health Care Group and its project management team began the monumental task of planning the transition to its future space. Although built only a few feet away from the original buildings, the move will take a coordinated approach to relocate the staff, the Royal Ottawa Health Care Foundation, the Volunteer Association, and the uOttawa Institute of Mental Health Research. The transition will involve approximately 700 staff, clinicians, researchers, volunteers, and patients, as well as the furniture, equipment, and records.

Over the past year, the hospital took a complete inventory of existing furniture and equipment to determine what will be reused and what purchases are needed for the new building. Staff lists were consolidated and move-in locations identified for each person working in the Royal Ottawa Hospital, Royal Ottawa Health Care Foundation, uOttawa Institute of Mental Health Research, and the Volunteer Association.

Transition plans were finalized at the end of 2005, so the Royal Ottawa Health Care Group is now completing the tasks required to move in, six weeks ahead of schedule.

The next few months will require collaboration and cooperation. In addition to packing up 100 years of hospital history, staff will begin training on new wireless Information Management systems, a security identification system will be implemented, and prepare for new programming for patient care. Included in this month's newsletter are drawings that show the sequence of events for the move. Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact our ROH Move Hotline.

Staff from the Substance Use and Concurrent Disorders team toured the new facility.



DATES TO REMEMBER

March 9th, 2006

Royal Ottawa Health Care Foundation Gala

May 4th, 2006

Information Management Operations begin in the new facility

October 30th, 2006

Official Opening of the new facility. Details coming next month.

November 1st, 2006

Day One of move to the new Royal Ottawa Hospital

July 1st, 2007

Phase II completed

Inpatient Youth Wing ready for occupancy

Meadowcreek moves to ROH Addiction Treatment Facility



*Carol MacLeod
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ROH MOVE HOTLINE

Should you have questions about the move to the new ROH, your role in the move, or any other questions about the redevelopment project, we encourage you to contact the Royal Ottawa Health Care Group Communications Department: 613.722.6521 x 6767 or e-mail us at ROHmove@rohcg.on.ca

MARCH MILESTONES

With permanent power installed in the new facility last month, final construction activities are underway and “handover” of the facility to the Royal Ottawa Health Care Group is beginning.

Below are highlights of major milestones for the month of March. Most involve Information Management activities as systems are installed and configured. Further details of the hospital’s new wireless technology infrastructure will be outlined in the next issue.

1st Floor Main Communication Room Handover

This will be the first in a series of building handovers to allow the hospital time to finalize installation and configuration of information services. The 1st Floor Main Communication Room will be the entry point to the facility for communication fibre from telephone service

providers. This room will also house the main servers for the hospital’s wireless technology infrastructure.

Provisions for New Fibre Feeds

Cable duct banks will be installed this month between the new facility, Carling Avenue and Royal Ottawa Place. This will allow for the permanent cable and communication fibre to be pulled to the new facility by the end of the month.

Contract Awards to Move Specialists

By the end of the month, specialized movers in projects of this magnitude and complexity will be contracted to help transition staff, patients, files, furniture, and equipment into the new facility. Careful planning with each department will be required in the coming months to determine each group’s unique requirements. Next month we will have more details.



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and Jill Horne, Secretary.*

HOW THE NEW ROH GREW



The Honourable George Smitherman, Minister of Health toured the Royal Ottawa Hospital construction site just before Christmas. The Minister commended the planning team for the efficiency built in the new facilities, noting that "one building will soon replace twelve strewn around the campus". (L-R) Minister George Smitherman, and

Bruce Swan study the layout of the new Royal Ottawa Campus set to open in November 2006. The Minister, Premier Dalton mcGuinty and Richard Patten, MPP for Ottawa South have all been invited to the official opening ceremony on October 30.



Ottawa Mayor Bob Chiarelli toured the new Royal Ottawa Hospital Construction site last month, and was impressed with the speed and cost-effectiveness of the construction schedule, which has the new facility opening six weeks ahead of schedule on November 1. In spite of extreme weather conditions such as last winter's deep freeze temperatures, and this past summer's heat, the construction workers kept to a gruelling schedule. To date, no time has been lost to on-site injuries and safety has been a major priority.

(L-R) Bruce Swan, CEO of the ROHCG; Kathryn Hendrick, VP, Communications and Public Affairs; Mayor Bob Chiarelli; and Graham Bird, Project manager, GBZW