A presentation of the final plans to the clinical teams and discussions with each of the functional units directly affected by the project.

A first invitation to tender for construction was held on August 10.

Information sessions for employees and the public were held on September 13.

The arrival of trailers and construction fences are the first concrete sign that preparatory work has begun.

The Notre-Dame satellite parking lot has been in use since October 11. A few adjustments to the shuttle schedule have been made in order to best meet the needs of users.

Since the closure of the Saint-Antoine parking lot, entering and exiting the hospital are done via the COVID temporary facilities.

Seismographs were installed on site to monitor vibration readings throughout the construction period.

Arium was chosen as the supplier to assist the project team in the design of the hospital signage.

An initial meeting with the Ministry of Culture and Communications (MCC) was held on September 21 to initiate the selection process for a work of art that will be placed on the outdoor grounds.

The MUHC was present on October 22 at a Foundation event held at the Lachine borough townhall to meet with citizens and donors.
For more details and updates on the HOP Lachine project, visit the website muhc.ca/hoplachine.

**IN PROGRESS**

- Safeguards are being installed on the wall on the Saint-Antoine side before the demolition of the ambulance shelter is undertaken.
- Site visits are taking place with bidders, representatives of the MUHC, the Société québécoise des infrastructures (SQI), Axor Construction as well with as various engineering and architectural professionals.
- Planning and coordination of service interruptions during construction to eliminate or minimize the impact that the work will have on the regular operations of the hospital.
- Tender specifications for medical equipment are being prepared. Some equipment needs to be attached to the building structure such as the modular walls.

**UPCOMING**

- The relocation of oxygen tanks, protection of trees, installation of retaining walls on the Saint-Antoine Street side and the relocation of gas lines.
- The creation of a working group to design signage.
- The establishment of a working group to address new equipment requests and changes to spaces, among other things.
- The first working groups and the transition committee will be launched soon. The time has come to further our deliberations and to discuss ways to provide care in new spaces.

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The beginning of the preparatory work for construction and the transition phase towards more modern facilities marks an important milestone in the recent history of the Lachine Hospital modernization project. During this phase, teams can expect to experience gradual modifications in their internal practices and collaboration processes. This transition period will continue throughout the construction of the new building and the upgrade of the existing building. A transition committee has been formed and the first meeting will take place later this fall. This committee will be responsible for organizing and implementing initiatives and projects identified by the managers and their respective teams.

**OPERA**

The Operating Room team has successfully completed the deployment of OPERA version 5.7. The unit is currently using new features offered by this software upgrade, including data entry and comprehensive statistical data.

The next phase of this project is underway and aims to link the OPERA software distribution module with the Material Resource Management system (GRM). The implementation of this new feature will make it possible to computerize the management of medical devices and supplies.

**DIGITIZATION**

In collaboration with Technical Services and Information Resources, the Medical Records team has now completed the reorganization of its offices and has been able to install the scanners and computer stations required for the rollout of digitization at the Lachine Hospital. Before proceeding, the team must ensure that the paper documents to be converted comply with medical archives standards. This work is in progress and should result in the first digitization operations this fall.
THE MUHC PARKING TEAM:
FAR FROM STANDING STILL!

With 5000 parking spaces to manage on a daily basis, Morris Zidle and his team receive an average of 40 to 60 requests per day to meet various needs. The clientele is varied: patients, visitors, volunteers, employees—everyone wants to park their car.

“People live away from major centres and they’re driving more, but there are fewer parking spaces,” says Morris Zidle, Manager, Parking and Grounds, MUHC.

HOP LACHINE: A CHALLENGE

“We were looking for a site that could accommodate more than 100 cars, that would be available for the duration of the construction and as close to the hospital as possible,” Morris explains. The neighbourhood was scrutinized and we approached the Lachine borough. The Société québécoise des infrastructures also studied the possibilities. Few options were appropriate and at the end, the Notre-Dame satellite parking lot was the best alternative”.

“We can count on the valuable collaboration happening between the parking and project teams in finding solutions, begins Caroline Nessim, Section Manager. At the end of the day, modernizing this hospital is necessary and will improve the quality of life for patients and employees.”

Morris Zidle and Caroline Nessim of the MUHC parking team