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Glen update

GLEN SITE CONSTRUCTION: MOVING RIGHT ALONG
Construction at the Glen site is progressing quickly as healthcare professionals across the MUHC get ready to welcome patients in the spring of 2015. More than 75% of the construction of the Glen is now finished. The walls are up, the windows are in and the site is well on its way to being ready.

LATEST CONSTRUCTION ACHIEVEMENTS
There are currently 1,700 workers and professionals on site each day. One of the latest accomplishments includes the near completion of the coloured glass “curtain wall” of the main atrium, which runs the length of the front entrance. Not only will this look stunning, it will bring in lots of natural light, which helps create a healing environment for patients and their families.

Inside the hospital, teams are working on installing mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, as well as completing drywall and masonry work. Painting has also started in some areas.

In the operating rooms, laminar ceilings have been installed and are already equipped to receive articulating arms.

Workers have finished pouring the concrete of the employee parking lot on the south side of the site, while work continues on the underground visitor parking lot.

From planning and aesthetics to parking and the most advanced research labs, every aspect of the MUHC’s new Glen site has been thoughtfully designed with patients, family members and our healthcare professionals in mind.

Not only that, but the Glen is being built in a way that anticipates future improvements, allowing the MUHC to constantly adapt to new technologies and to the changing needs of its patients.

For the latest Glen site construction updates, visit muhc.ca/construction where you can sign up for the Glen site Flash electronic newsletter.

Message from the President

It gives me great pleasure to present to you the first issue of the MUHC Alumni Association newsletter. It is my hope that you will find it an informative vehicle to keep you updated on the latest developments at the MUHC, particularly concerning construction updates and the move to the new Glen site, as well as Alumni Association news and events.

In this issue you will learn about the current state of construction at the Glen, as well as details about the newly formed MUHC Heritage Centre, which is taking on the role of collector and guardian of the many historical artifacts that can be found at the MUHC’s hospital sites.

You will also read about the ‘Legacy Year’ currently being planned by the MUHC Legacy Committee, chaired by Drs. Richard and Sylvia Cruess. A wide variety of events and activities will take place throughout the year leading up to the official Glen site opening ceremony in May 2015. These will give our community a chance to come together and celebrate our heritage as well as our bright future.

Phil Gold CC, OQ, MD, PhD
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WE WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU THINK!
We welcome your feedback or questions, as well as suggestions for what you would like to see in future editions. Please send them to alumni@muhc.mcgill.ca
In the year leading up to the opening of the Glen site in May 2015, many events and activities will be held across all sites to celebrate the past and future of the MUHC.

These events will help bring the MUHC employees and departments together, while celebrating the rich and diverse history of each institution.

The Legacy Year festivities will kick off on May 23, 2014 with BBQ lunches at all sites. We hope you will join us!

THE MONTREAL CHEST INSTITUTE

The MCI is planning a farewell breakfast for staff and patients before long-term patients make their move to the Lachine Hospital. Similarly, a farewell lunch will take place to mark the move of the AIDS clinic to the Montreal General Hospital, along with a historical photo exhibit marking the MCI's milestones since 1909.

MONTREAL GENERAL HOSPITAL

Monthly events will be held at the Montreal General to celebrate the departments that will be staying at the current site, including a corn roast, pancake breakfast and an art and heritage exhibit.

LACHINE HOSPITAL

A lunch event will be held to welcome patients and employees from the Montreal Chest Institute who will be transferred to the Lachine Hospital. Another luncheon will be held to celebrate the modernization of the Lachine Hospital.

ROYAL VICTORIA HOSPITAL

One of the main events being held at the Royal Vic will be an art contest called 'The Vic's Got Talent' that will be launched in September 2013, followed by a two-day exhibit in October 2014 where the winning piece will be unveiled. A summer festival is also in the works, as well as an art and heritage exhibit and a farewell High Tea sponsored by the Auxiliary.

THE VIC'S GOT TALENT

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The hospital sites that comprise the MUHC serve as important centres of health care, research and training, but they are also a rich source of our legacy, housing a vast collection of valuable items that tell of story of our institution's rich legacy and the history of medicine.

These items include archives, professional equipment, artifacts, antiques, pictures and objects dating as far back as 1821.

With the pending move of the Montreal Chest Institute, the Montreal Children's Hospital, the Royal Victoria Hospital and some clinical services of the Montreal General Hospital to the new Glen site, there is a real and pressing need to ensure all historical pieces are protected.

That's where the MUHC Heritage Centre comes in. Headed by Dr. Jonathan Meakins, the Centre has been tasked with identifying, cataloguing, evaluating and preserving any such items deemed worthy of being saved.

The Heritage Centre

Guardian of the MUHC’s culture and history

muhc.ca/legacy/centre

Many of these items will be on exhibit in our hospitals in 2014, and at the Glen.

DO YOU HAVE A PIECE OF MUC HISTORY AT HOME?

There are countless historic artifacts just waiting to be discovered at the various MUHC sites, but there are likely many others forgotten in the homes of former employees and physicians that may have left the hospitals when they did. We would love to hear from you if you have any items, photos or documents that you think would be of interest to the Heritage Centre. Contact Karine Raynor at 514 934-1934, ext. 71478 or by email at karine.raynor@muhc.mcgill.ca
A Sample of MUHC Highlights

**February 2012**
MUHC researcher Dr. Lucy Gilbert, who is also director of Gynecologic Oncology at the hospital, and her team reveal findings of a study that shows the deadliest type of ovarian cancer often starts in the fallopian tubes rather than in the ovaries. This discovery, which could help thousands of women be diagnosed earlier and treated more effectively, is ranked as among the top 10 scientific breakthroughs of 2012 by Québec Science magazine.

**July 2012**
A team of international scientists in collaboration with the RI-MUHC identifies a new gene responsible for Leber Congenital Amaurosis (LCA), a devastating genetic form of blindness in newborns. This is the first time such major correlation has been established between the gene NMNAT1 – known to be crucial for life – and a human disease.

**October 2012**
The MUHC becomes the first hospital in Quebec to allow patients and visitors to use their cell phones within its six hospital sites. The new policy gives patients greater freedom to keep in touch with family members and friends, while maintaining patient safety and privacy.

**November 2012**
The Lachine Hospital officially launches its centennial year, which has been celebrated throughout 2013.

**February 2013**
The MUHC and the Research Institute of the MUHC (RI-MUHC) are named among the best places to work and build a career in Montreal, according to Mediacorp’s list of Montreal’s Top Employers for 2013.

**April 2013**
An international study headed by Dr. Nitika Pant Pai, a clinical researcher at the RI-MUHC, confirms that self-testing for HIV is effective and could be the answer to controlling the global epidemic.

**May 2013**
The MUHC and other hospitals announce the creation of the Rossy Cancer Network (RCN), thanks to a $58-million donation from the Larry and Cookie Rossy Family Foundation. The RCN aims to improve quality of care and patient satisfaction, increase survival rates and reduce the burden of cancer.

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Wednesday, November 19, 2014