

Please see the following important updates regarding the UOHI expansion project that might be impacting staff and neighbours of the Heart Institute and The Ottawa Hospital, in the days and weeks ahead.

Thank you,

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# TOH SECURE BIKE STORAGE AND ACCESS TO MELROSE AVENUE ENTRANCE (TOH AMBULATORY CARE)

**Start Date:** Effective now (June 8, 2015)

### What will change:

- The secure bike cage near Melrose Avenue will be removed and additional space will be added to the bike cage at the P1 parking garage.
- Construction of the new enclosed direct link between TOH and the UOHI new Tower will commence in June, however it will not be opened until the new Tower has been completed in January 2018.

# Bike Cage near Melrose Avenue Entrance and location of future direct link between UOHI and TOH





• On June 15, access to the Melrose Entrance will be from Melrose Ave. and the laneway from Ruskin St. will be closed.

#### New access to Melrose Entrance from Melrose Avenue



#### Items to Note:

• With the construction of the New Direct Link between UOHI and TOH, the current exterior access to the TOH Cafeteria will be closed.

#### **PARKING LOT ON RUSKIN STREET**

Start Date: June 22, 2015

#### What will change:

- The existing parking lot on Ruskin Street will be under construction this summer for regarding and repaving.
- For about 3 weeks at the end of July/August, the entire lot will be closed and TOH will be having staff direct patients to alternate lots.

#### Items to Note:

• Be prepared and ready for some confusion and possible irritated patients.



### **MAIN LOBBY CHANGES**

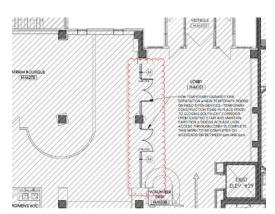
**<u>Start Date</u>**: June 29, 2015 (approximately one week to complete. Changes in place for about 2.5 years)

## What will change:

- With the closure of the south exit on Level 1 (see above), together with the elimination of the existing stairwell, fire exiting must be redirected.
- The new fire exit will be through the Main Lobby. To meet fire code
  - A temporary partition wall will be added in the Lobby (as per sketch and photo below)
  - The door will now swing out towards the lobby rather than into the stairwell due to exiting requirements during construction. (as per sketch and photo below)

## Items to Note:

- **CAUTION SHOULD BE USED** when opening and/or approaching the stairwell door given the change in the direction of the door swing
- All Lobby sales and exhibits will cease at this time and will not be relocated



# **Temporary Partition Wall in main lobby**

#### Lobby main stairwell door





# SWITCHOVER TO TEMPORARY AMBULANCE ENTRANCE ON MELROSE

Start Date: July 2, 2015 (for approximately 2 years)

## What will change:

- The current UOHI Ambulance Entrance will be closed to vehicular traffic but will remain accessible to pedestrians.
- Ambulance Services and Patient Transport Services will use the new temporary ambulance entrance on Melrose. Entry to UOHI through this door is via a secure keypad access only available to these services (not staff).

## Items to Note:

- The new entrance off Melrose will access the 1<sup>st</sup> floor in clinical care on the east side of the building close to elevator 55.
- Please ensure that no stretchers, wheelchairs or other equipment are left in the hall in front of this door as it will impede ambulance arrivals.
- New temporary signs will be installed to direct paramedics to the CCU for STEMI patients.

# Existing Ambulance Entrance

# New Temporary Ambulance Entrance





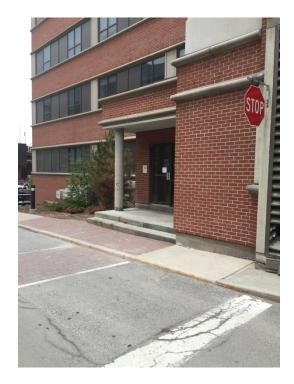


## CLOSURE OF LEVEL 1 SOUTH EXIT (PET CENTRE EXPANSION AREA BY ROOM H-1208

**Start Date:** July 7, 2015 **PERMANENT CLOSURE** (area will become part of the interior of new tower)

#### What will change:

- There will be no entry/exit from this location. (e.g. cannot go across campus to Civic Cafeteria)
- Stairwell to the west of this entrance will be demolished, commencing mid-July.



## South Exit on Level 1



## SMOKING SHELTER CLOSURE BY LOADING DOCKS

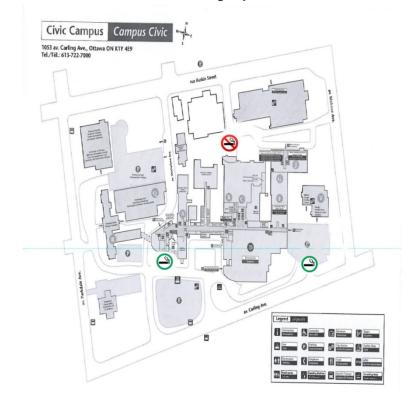
Start Date: Since April 6, 2015

#### What Changed:

• To accommodate the relocation of the TOH Loading docks during construction phasing and in order to provide everyone with a safe environment, access around shipping and receiving must be restricted. As a result, as of April 6<sup>th</sup>, the smoking shelter situated near the TOH shipping & receiving area was removed.

#### Items to Note:

- We would like to remind you that smoking is not permitted near the buildings or at exits, and we ask that you use the designated smoking shelters located at the P4 parking lot and beside the Paterson Entrance. (see map attached)
- Please respect the neighbouring community and their private properties.



#### Where smoking is permitted



## ACCESS TO THE SITE FROM RUSKIN

Start Date: July 7, 2015

### What will change:

- Access will be closed to through traffic permanently.
- TOH loading dock access will remain from Ruskin until early November 2015. Upon completion of the temporary loading dock #2, access will remain from Ruskin but from the "upper courtyard" access (west of Building L, the Power Plant).

#### Items to Note:

• There will be no pedestrian access between Ruskin Street and Melrose Avenue. With the exception of emergency exiting only.

## **EXCAVATION FOR THE NEW TOWER**

**<u>Start Date</u>**: End of September 2015

#### What will change:

- There will be increased traffic on Melrose as the temporary loading dock #2 will remain under construction.
- The Melrose entrance will be in use for trucks and equipment during the "dig" attention must be paid for staff using Melrose as a pedestrian access to the UOHI.

#### Items to Note:

• **CAUTION** and be alert when using Melrose Avenue, in particular, to pedestrian traffic.