



Riverforks Community Update – August 2014

Dear Riverforks Community Member,

Thank you for providing your email address at the June 17th community meeting to discuss LHSC's purchase of the former Bethesda Centre at 54 Riverview Avenue. The facility will become the home of LHSC's Prevention and Early Intervention Program for Psychosis (PEPP) and the Adult Eating Disorders Service, which is a community-based program provided through a strong partnership between LHSC and the Canadian Mental Health Association Middlesex. In addition, CMHA Middlesex will operate 8 transitional housing units in the facility.

The June 17th meeting was very well attended and there was positive feedback and general support from residents who also identified a variety of issues around traffic flow and safety, parking and general property aesthetics. We appreciated the warm welcome and we are excited by the mutual desire for an open and collaborative relationship going forward.

I am pleased to share with you the following updates about 54 Riverview Avenue. If you do not wish to receive further progress reports regarding this facility please let us know by replying to this email.

54 Riverview Avenue Site Plan

LHSC has engaged local landscape architect, Art Lierman (who is also a Riverforks community member) to provide advice on the landscape design. The landscape plan will take into account the neighbourhood context and will let nature inform the landscape design with a native plant emphasis wherever possible.

The Riverforks Community Organization has appointed Aara Suksi as their liaison with LHSC's Facilities Management Team to share questions and comments about the site plan. We are working directly with Aara to address concerns and feedback on a variety of site plan topics such as lighting, signage, trees, smoking, etc.

Tour of the PEPP program at LHSC

Four members of the Riverforks community recently toured the PEPP program at LHSC's Victoria Hospital. PEPP program leaders were able to introduce the visitors to several members of the team, share a typical monthly schedule and discuss the usual daily flow of patients and staff to get a sense of the anticipated volume through the neighborhood.

Project Planning

Detailed work continues on the project planning to move PEPP and the Adult Eating Disorders Service into 54 Riverview Avenue. The timeline for construction of the parking lot and interior renovations has not yet been finalized. We will share this information with you as soon as possible; however, the program moves themselves will not occur until sometime in 2015.

Website

Please visit [LHSC's website](#) for more information about 54 Riverview Avenue. Posted on the web page are the presentations from the June 17th meeting, the current site plan, etc.

In closing, LHSC is committed to being a good neighbor and we look forward to a strong working relationship with local neighbours and community members.

Sincerely,

Murray Glendining
President and CEO
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