

## LHSC South Street Hospital Decommissioning *Frequently Asked Questions*

After 138 years of patient care, LHSC's South Street Hospital officially closed its doors in January 2013. London Health Sciences Centre is decommissioning (shutting down and demolishing) the site. Once the buildings are gone, the lands will revert to their owner - the City of London.

### General

#### 1. When will work start at the site and how long will it take?

Work is scheduled to begin the week of January 6, 2014. We anticipate that work on the site will be completed within approximately 12 months.

#### 2. What buildings will be coming down?

All the buildings and structures south of South St., including the Thameswood Lodge and the Power Plant.

#### 3. Who is overseeing the work being done at the site?

- **AECOM** has been retained by LHSC to administer the contract during site work
- **Pro-Green Demolition** will be responsible for the demolition of buildings
- **Pinchin Environmental** has been retained by AECOM to administer all work related to the hazardous materials abatement portion of the work

Pro-Green, AECOM and Pinchin will have staff on site on a full-time basis during the work. In addition, LHSC will be actively involved in managing the project on an ongoing basis.

#### 4. How will the buildings be demolished?

The buildings will be demolished using machines outfitted with hydraulic shears. There will not be any implosions, explosions or wrecking balls used in demolition.

### Impact to neighbourhood

#### 5. What kind of truck traffic can I expect?

There will be intermittent truck traffic coming to and from the site, primarily hauling material for off-site disposal at regulated landfill sites. Truck traffic will be restricted to the following routes during the work:

- Trucks coming to the site will enter off South St. from Wellington
- Trucks leaving the site will travel along either Waterloo St. or Colborne St. north to Grey St. (one way to Wellington St.)

These truck transport routes will be maintained to minimize build-up of mud.

**6. Will there be a lot of noise during demolition activities?**

Some demolition equipment will cause noise. All work will be conducted between Monday to Friday, 7 am to 6 pm, in accordance with City of London by-laws.

**7. Will there be dust generated during demolition activities?**

Yes, demolition activities will generate dust. Several measures will be taken to minimize the amount of dust generated during the work, such as using clean water to wet the building during demolition and fencing to contain dust. Air testing will also be conducted on an ongoing basis to monitor dust levels.

**8. Will utilities and services (water, sewer, gas hydro, etc.) be disrupted during the work?**

No. All services feeding into the buildings scheduled for demolition have been, or will be, cut and capped inside the buildings or at the site boundary before demolition begins. There will be no disruption to these services/utilities to local residents during the work.

## **Safety**

**9. Are there hazardous materials and asbestos inside the buildings and how will this be removed?**

Asbestos-containing materials (ACMs) exist throughout most of the buildings. There are also minor quantities of mercury (in light switches and some lighting). There are no PCBs or radioactive materials remaining in the building as these were removed by LHSC over the past several years in accordance with applicable regulations and legislation.

All ACMs and hazardous materials will be removed from the buildings before demolition in accordance with Ministry of Labour and Ministry of Environment regulations and the Ontario Health & Safety Act.

**10. Is there any potential for asbestos to be released outside of the building during the abatement (removal) work?**

No. All asbestos removal work will be completed in strict accordance with all applicable regulations and legislation (O. Reg. 278/05 and O. Reg. 347, as amended). All asbestos-containing materials will be bagged and disposed of in strict accordance with Ministry of Environment (MOE) regulations.

**11. What measures will be taken to secure the site?**

Pro-Green will be responsible for site security. Six foot high wooden hoarding will be erected around the work area and multiple perimeter cameras with live monitoring and immediate live response will be established. The City of London Police and Fire Departments have been notified of the work.

## Other

### **12. How much will this decommissioning cost, and who is paying for it?**

The value of the contract between LHSC and Pro-Green Demolition is \$9.2 million. Pro-Green was awarded the contract following an open, public, competitive bidding process with input and review by the Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care.

The SSH decommissioning is being funded by three parties:

- Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care
- London Health Sciences Centre
- City of London

The City of London owns much of the land comprising SSH and the remaining lands owned by LHSC will be transferred to the City following completion of the decommissioning work for future redevelopment.

### **13. Who can I contact if I have questions or concerns?**

London Health Sciences Centre has established a South Street Hospital Decommissioning community line where you can leave a message with any questions or concerns. Your call will be returned within one business day.

**Community line: 519-685-8383**

### **14. Where can I go for more information?**

Updates will be provided at LHSC's public website: [www.lhsc.on.ca](http://www.lhsc.on.ca)

### **15. Are any of the South Street Hospital buildings heritage sites?**

The City of London has identified the Colborne Building (southwest corner of South St. and Colborne St.) as a possible heritage site, subject to an assessment by the City.

### **16. What about the hospital buildings on the north side of the street?**

The next phase of decommissioning work will involve all the buildings and structures on the north side of South St. and is tentatively scheduled to begin in late 2016.

### **17. How will the site be left?**

Once the buildings have been demolished, the lands will be left as green space.