

**Community Meeting re: former Bethesda Centre**  
**Tuesday, June 17, 2014 6:30 pm – London Children’s Museum**  
**Speaking Remarks for Dipesh Patel, Vice President Facilities Management**

Thank you for the opportunity to speak tonight and share some details about the facility changes. You may have seen the site plan posters before the meeting started so let me just jump right in to describe the plans.

First, we are extremely fortunate that the building and grounds have been well maintained. LHSC will ensure the property remains attractive and in keeping with the neighbourhood. We have a contract with the award-winning landscaping and maintenance company Clintar and they will be responsible for all exterior ground maintenance and snow removal on the property.

Building renovations are very small – and will be focused primarily on minor interior work to ensure the best utilization of the space for each clinical program within the building.

Exterior work will be more involved and this is largely associated with a need to increase the number of parking spaces to accommodate staff and patients. The need for on-site parking does require that we create 37 new spots on the east side of the property, as well as creating an entry driveway to the parking area from Riverview Ave.

This will impact the current green space. However, new landscaping, such as trees and shrubs will be planted to buffer adjacent homes around the parking area. We will also be adding a new drywell system to manage surface water runoff from the parking. Obviously this is important given the downward slope of Riverview Ave. New fencing will be added along the east property line and some of the southern portion of the site.

We also plan to include a few additional parking spots at the front of the building.

No facility name has been determined at this time, however we anticipate some interest from donors who may wish to support this facility and their generosity would be something we would want to recognize in any naming established down the road.

Finally, we will maintain the existing driveway from Evergreen Ave to allow access to the current parking area and for entry into the building.

I hope I've addressed some of your questions and concerns and I welcome further dialogue with you on the site plan.

In closing I would like to note that because there are a number of items related to the site plan that would benefit from community input (like fencing, signage and location of a community garden, if desired), I would invite the Riverforks Association to identify one or two community members that could work with us on the details and represent the community feedback as we move forward.

Thank you.