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Your update on the new Ambulatory Care Centre

SERHA's Health: Taking a large step into the future

As health care grows and changes around the globe, The Moncton Hospital is also expanding in a large and exciting way. With a new \$47-million project well underway, the horizon of the modern and efficient facility isn't far off in the distance.

In the spring of 2008 the staff of TMH, Metro Moncton and the rest of Atlantic Canada can expect to see a 160,000 square foot addition that will be home to new Laboratory Services, a state-of-the-art Emergency Department/Trauma Centre and our new Ambulatory Care Clinics.

The development of this new facility represents the largest capital investment in the SERHA since The Moncton Hospital was built 50 years ago. Not only will the opening of this new addition be a historic event for SERHA, but it will also take patient care to a whole new level for families within New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

The main entrance to the new facility, facing Connaught Avenue, opens onto a brilliantly lit entrance which continues on into the existing hospital. An eye-catching atrium will offer a cheery and spacious transition between the new facility and the existing hospital.



A view of the new Ambulatory Care Centre looking from Connaught Ave. The project is well underway and is expected to open in Spring 2008.



Recent photo of entrance to new ER.

Clinics that are currently located both on and off site, as well as the outpatient Blood Collection Lab, currently located in the Arden Street building, will occupy a portion of the main floor in this new facility. The clinic areas are divided into six distinct areas, which can be identified by the letters A, B, C, D, E and F.

Clinics that will be found in Clinic A include Diabetes, Pain, Chest, Hemophilia, and Arthritis. Clinic A will also be home to the ambulatory care dietitians and the pediatric specialty clinics. The Eye Clinic, the Ear, Nose, Throat (ENT) Clinic, the Urodynamic Clinic as well as the Dermatology Clinic will be in Clinic B. Clinic C will include the Medical Day Care area, the Orthopedic Clinic, and the Wound Clinic. The ECG department, the EEG/EMG department and the Pulmonary Function Lab will join together to form Clinic D. Clinic E will be home to the GI unit, and Clinic F is our new blood collection clinic.

By parking in the convenient underground 180-space parking garage and taking the

elevators or stairways to the main floor, access to these services will be quick and easy. Above-ground parking will also be available in the same location as it presently exists. A drop-off area for both patients as well as lab specimens will be located at the front entrance of the facility, facing Connaught Avenue.

Also on the main floor is the new Emergency Department/Trauma Centre. The entrance to this department will remain on MacBeath Avenue, with a dedicated parking lot located in close proximity. The Emergency Department/Trauma Centre will have an enclosed Ambulance bay, offering protection from inclement weather.

Laboratory services, located on the top floor of the building, will be connected to the existing hospital through a corridor on Level 3. The new laboratory will boast an automated system for processing specimens, which will result in higher capacity and decreased turn-around time for lab results.

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Atrium to be a striking aspect of new facility



A computer generated photo of what the new Atrium will look like upon completion.

There is no doubt the Atrium connecting the existing hospital and new Ambulatory Care Centre will be one of the most striking aspects of the new facility.

Looking west toward MacBeath Avenue, this glassed-in area will extend 165 feet in length. From the entrance to the new Ambulatory Care centre it stretches 60 feet to where the existing hospital building begins. The height of the Atrium reaches over 3 stories high providing a bright atmosphere for staff, patients and visitors.

Seating will be provided to allow people to gather and enjoy the ambiance of this pleasantly naturally-lighted spot.

A glass-enclosed elevator is a focal point in the Atrium and will serve, along with a staircase, to bring patients and visitors from the parking garage to the main level, whether they are destined for Ambulatory Care or the main hospital.

The Atrium is now partially built and can be seen from both MacBeath Avenue and Walsh Street. It is located where the drive-in area of the Emergency department was situated. After the move into the new centre, a temporary corridor will facilitate movement between the new and old buildings while the Atrium is being completed.

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Work is progressing at a rapid pace and the project is expected to be on budget and on time. Plans for equipment purchase and installation are ongoing and strategies for the move of each clinical area have been prepared. Thanks to the generous support of the Friends of The Moncton Hospital and the SERHA Board, state-of-the-art equipment will be acquired, which will make The Moncton Hospital a leader in ambulatory care.



The view of the Ambulatory Care Centre from Walsh Street.

Questions? Ideas? Let us know!



We understand that the staff, volunteers, and auxiliaries are the most important key in communicating the pride and excitement felt by all about this project. This is why we wanted a specific method of communication just for you! We are providing you with the opportunity to ask your questions. Send any questions, or ideas for stories you would like to see to Clarissa Andersen, Communications Coordinator at clanders@serha.ca. We want to hear from you!



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