

News and notes of interest to McMaster's neighbours

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Construction Update - Centre for Spinal Cord Injury and Cancer Education and Rehabilitation

Progress continues as construction proceeds on McMaster's Centre for Spinal Cord Injury and Cancer Education and Rehabilitation. The new Centre, a federal and provincial Knowledge Infrastructure Project (KIP), will be housed in an addition to the Ivor Wynne Centre on the east side of the campus.

Some neighbours who live across from the site and Councillor McHattie were invited to receive an update about the project during a meeting this week with construction managers. The next phase of the project will involve the delivery of structural steel. An expanded "lay down" area near the site is required. The group considered some options for the lay down area but agreed they are not suitable. One option included finding a spot on campus near the construction site for the lay down area. This idea was ruled out because it could mean the further removal of trees. An option to use the grass oval in the centre of Mayfair was also discussed but deemed unsuitable.

The group agreed that the best option for the lay down area would be to temporarily close one lane of Forsyth Avenue North on the west side of the oval (immediately adjacent to the construction site). This area would be fenced off to allow for the storage of the steel. One lane will remain open to allow for vehicular traffic to continue to use the street.

Councillor McHattie supports this option and an application for the temporary closure is being made to the City.

Further updates will be provided as the project continues. The completion date for the new Centre is spring 2011.

Keeping connected

As activities on campus continue, we'd like to stay connected with residents living on Mayfair Circle, Mayfair Place, Forsyth Avenue North, Forsyth Avenue and Sterling. If you are interested in receiving regular updates via e-mail, please e-mail the following information to **Gord Arbeau, Associate Director Public Relations – arbeaug@mcmaster.ca**

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