



UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA
HEART INSTITUTE
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COMMUNICATIONS

Dear neighbours and friends,

On March 10, the Ottawa Heart Institute will begin the construction of its much anticipated Cardiac MRI, the first one in the Ottawa region. Our team, our partners and the community came together in the last months to make this dream come true, and it is with great excitement that we are ready to begin building the area that will welcome this new equipment.

Specifically, the MRI will be installed in the basement of the Heart Institute, in the area located at the south-east corner of our building at Melrose Avenue, and where our ambulance entrance is. At the same time, we will also be relocating our CT Procedure Room to this area. Therefore, some of you will witness activity along Melrose Avenue due to construction.

As the project development has unfolded, we have worked with our consultants to ensure that the work being done, and the activity in the construction zone, will be as least disruptive as possible to our neighbours.

Here are some details pertaining to the project:

- 1) Construction is set to begin on March 10, 2014, and is to be completed by the end of September 2014. We will communicate any changes to this schedule if they arise.
- 2) The contractor must ensure that the road system around the hospital must remain free and clear of obstruction.
- 3) As much as possible, deliveries made to the Ottawa Hospital loading dock will be made prior to 7:00am. Any general deliveries to the Melrose site entrance will be made during regular business hours.
- 4) It will be made very clear to the contractors that all vehicles that are not parked in designated parking spots will be ticketed.
- 5) The contractor must provide a flagman to direct traffic during deliveries.
- 6) A garbage bin will be located in the area south of the ambulance entrance (see attached drawing). The contractor is responsible for this bin and will make arrangements to have it emptied regularly and that during the emptying, to not block Melrose Avenue.
- 7) The contractor will be using the south-east entrance into the Heart Institute (see attached drawing) as their primary access to avoid having to cross through the restricted and sterile corridors of the Operating Rooms and Intensive Care Unit area which are located in the basement of the Heart Institute.
- 8) In mid-August, a crane will be located at the south-east corner of our building, over a weekend, in order to deliver the MRI equipment.
- 9) The Heart Institute will meet with the contractor prior to construction commencing and emphasize that they respect the green spaces.

We are sensitive to the fact that this construction project might cause some undesired inconveniences to our neighbours despite our sincere efforts to avoid them. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you have any concerns throughout this project.

Sincerely,

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