

Ontario's Next Pandemic-Ready Hospital Celebrates Significant Construction Milestone with Premier Ford, Minister of Health and Minister of Infrastructure

Toronto (August 11, 2021) – Ontario Premier Doug Ford, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health Christine Elliott, and Minister of Infrastructure Kinga Surma were among the special guests to sign the final structural beam for West Park Healthcare Centre's new, \$1.2 billion, pandemic-ready hospital.

The Signing of the Final Beam is a major construction milestone, signifying the completion of the building structure. The 30 foot steel beam will be lifted to the rooftop of the new six-storey, approximately 730,000 square foot building overlooking the Humber River valley.

"When these doors open, this new facility will provide residents here in the western GTA with access to the high-quality care they deserve...where and when they need it," said Premier Ford. "Our government is fully committed to fortifying our health care sector, and West Park Healthcare Centre will play a major part in helping us achieve that goal."

Scheduled to open in 2023, the pandemic-ready hospital features a dedicated wing designed for airborne containment. West Park will have similar, smaller containment zones called Airborne Isolation Rooms (AIRs) placed throughout the hospital. The new facility will also feature a state-of-the-art HVAC system ensuring only 100 per cent fresh air is pumped in from the outdoors, eliminating the need for re-circulated air and removing the potential transmission of airborne pathogens.

"West Park's century-long legacy of caring for people with tuberculosis (TB) made pandemic planning a priority from the start," said Anne-Marie Malek, West Park's President and CEO. "This milestone brings us closer to opening a cutting-edge facility that will be at the forefront in responding to future pandemics and continuing in our role in providing care to those suffering from respiratory illnesses."

With demand for West Park's rehabilitative services expected to grow in the years ahead, the transformation and expansion of the campus of care will improve access to care and increase West Park's capacity to serve the needs of Ontarians with various health challenges, traumatic injuries and chronic illnesses such as COPD, TB, amputations, strokes, neurological and musculoskeletal conditions.

Additional Quotes

"By investing in health infrastructure like West Park Healthcare Centre's new hospital, our government is building capacity and ensuring our health care system is prepared to respond to any scenario. Today's milestone brings us even closer to opening a state-of-the-art hospital that supports innovative, high quality care for patients requiring specialized rehabilitative and complex care."

-Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health.



"This new pandemic-ready hospital shows the commitment of the Premier and the government to do what it takes to protect and care for all of Ontarians, whether it's here at this state-of-the-art 27 acre health care facility or anywhere else across the province. This integrated campus of care will help Ontario meet its future healthcare needs."

-Honourable Kinga Surma, Ontario's Minister of Infrastructure and Member of Provincial Parliament for Etobicoke Centre

About West Park Healthcare Centre

West Park Healthcare Centre helps patients get their lives back by providing specialized rehabilitative and complex care after a life-altering illness or injury such as lung disease, amputation, stroke, and traumatic musculoskeletal injuries. West Park is building a new hospital and transforming its 27-acre site into an integrated campus of care, enabling the hospital to evolve its rehabilitative programs to meet Ontario's future healthcare needs.

EllisDon Infrastructure Healthcare (EllisDon) has been awarded the fixed-price contract to design, build, finance and maintain the new hospital. You can follow the progress of our campus development project by visiting westpark.org/CampusDevelopment.

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