

# Building the West Park Campus



## Groundbreaking Celebration: West Park unveils plans for new \$1.2B hospital

It was a day of much pomp and circumstance to mark one of the most momentous occasions in the history of West Park Healthcare Centre. On Oct. 11, West Park broke ground for its new, world-class facility that began with a special patient parade and a visit by the Premier of Ontario.

“This is a very proud moment after a decade of careful planning and extensive consultation, including valuable input from our patients,” said Anne-Marie Malek, West Park’s President and CEO. “We can now envision welcoming patients in our new, world-class hospital facility and helping them get their lives back.”

The celebration kicked off with a high-energy drumline parade of nearly 200 staff, volunteers, patients and family members marching through the campus and into a tent filled with prominent

dignitaries and guests including Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Infrastructure Monte McNaughton, Members of Provincial Parliament Faisal Hassan and Kinga Surma, and City Councillor Frances Nunziata.

After the speeches, which included an inspiring story of hope and recovery from former respiratory patient Kim Verwaayen, guests posed for pictures with hard hats and shovels for the symbolic turning-of-the-soil ceremony.

“The work that happens at West Park Healthcare Centre is incredible,” said Premier Ford. “For more than a century they’ve made a huge difference for countless patients and their families. Our government is proud to support West Park and its healthcare staff.”

## About the new hospital

Scheduled to open in 2023, the new six-storey, approximately 730,000 square foot hospital will incorporate the best and latest in architectural design, enabling technologies and stunning therapeutic landscapes to help patients in their recovery and enable staff to deliver exemplary care.

West Park's new hospital will feature:

- 314 beds (20 per cent increase)
- 80 per cent of the beds being in single-patient rooms
- A private three-piece washroom for each inpatient for improved infection control
- Terraces on every floor so patients can easily access the outside
- New services: geriatric clinics and day hospital, and satellite hemodialysis unit
- Significant increase in outpatient care space to serve the projected surge in patient volume
- Underground and surface parking
- Extensive outdoor therapeutic spaces, gardens and walking trails to be used by patients, family members and the community.

Nature will play a vital role in helping West Park patients get their lives back. Research shows that connecting and engaging with nature supports the psychological and emotional well-being of patients and their families.

“The redevelopment represents our opportunity to create a new integrated campus of care where nature and healing intersect – inside and out,” says Malek.

The new facility will amplify the role of the 27-acre campus' natural surroundings through therapy courtyards, sensory gardens, fitness trails, therapeutic and wayfinding art installations, large terraces and expansive views to optimize the patient's healing and rehab experience.



Cover: Dignitaries join more than 300 members of the West Park community to celebrate the groundbreaking of its new, six-storey modernized hospital. Top (L-R): Patient Barry Donovan proudly holds a sign with a sentiment many feel about West Park — a world-class rehabilitation hospital; Staff, patients, family members and volunteers express their excitement for a new, contemporary hospital that will match the exceptional care already delivered by dedicated staff. Bottom: (L-R): Respiratory patient Kim Verwaayen speaks to CP24 about her life-changing recovery at West Park; Staff display their West Park pride and spirit during the kick-off parade; Amputee patient Jason Lucci shakes hands with Premier Doug Ford.

“The new West Park Healthcare Centre is an important project that will support patients and families in Toronto by providing access to therapeutic spaces for generations to come,” said Christine Elliott, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care. “I look forward to the opening of this new building in the beautiful Humber River Valley.”

## Transforming West Park's Campus

West Park's vision is to be an integrated campus of care that models the way of the future for patient care delivery, education and research.

To achieve this vision, West Park has embarked on planning two major capital projects that will bring together specialized rehabilitative, complex continuing, primary and long-term care and independent living opportunities on a single site:

- **Project No. 1: Hospital Development**  
The project scope includes construction of a modernized hospital facility, demolition of existing buildings, new campus entrance, new public and private roads, and extensive landscaping of campus grounds to keep the “park” in West Park.
- **Project No. 2: Non-Hospital Development**  
The project will complement and expand West Park's current services with housing and related services for seniors and persons with disabilities. The scope includes construction of low to medium rise buildings that may offer supportive housing, hospice, community-based services and doctors' offices.

Together, the two projects will create an integrated campus of care that will offer patients easy access to a continuum of healthcare services in one location, deliver efficient health care, and keep Ontarians healthy and living independently.

For more information on the project including construction alerts, please visit [www.westpark.org/campusdevelopment](http://www.westpark.org/campusdevelopment).



Concept rendering of West Park's new hospital. See more renderings at [westpark.org](http://westpark.org).

## Who will build the new West Park?

EllisDon Infrastructure Healthcare (EllisDon) has been awarded the fixed-price contract to design, build, finance and maintain the new hospital.

The contract is valued at \$1.2 billion, which reflects the payments made during construction, the substantial completion payment, and the facility maintenance payments over 30 years.

The selection of EllisDon is the result of an open, fair and competitive procurement process overseen by a third-party fairness advisor. The team includes:

- Applicant Lead: EllisDon Capital Inc.
- Lead Architect: CannonDesign Ltd & Montgomery Sisam Architects
- Constructor: EllisDon Design Build Inc.
- Facilities Management Provider: EllisDon Facilities Services Inc.
- Mechanical and Electrical Subcontractor: Modern Niagara Toronto Inc. & Ozz Electric Inc.

EllisDon is a world-leading, employee-owned, construction services company with approximately 3,000 employees, that completes over \$3.5 billion in projects annually. As a leading healthcare buildings provider, EllisDon has completed over 550 healthcare projects with a combined value in excess of \$16 billion.

The driving force behind some of the most original, exciting projects in the world, EllisDon has distinguished itself through innovative people and practices.

# Tree and Land Blessing Ceremony

## Respecting the land, its past and its future



As yellowed walnut leaves delicately wafted to the ground, blown by a disarming wind, nature itself became a participant in a special Tree and Land Blessing Ceremony in September.

“Everything here has a spirit and environmental responsibilities, just like we do,” said Shannon Thunderbird, a former West Park patient and Aboriginal elder with the Coast Tsimshian, who presided over the ceremony.

“I hope all of you take the opportunity to walk around West Park and visit the trees. Really look at the trees from their eyes and see what they’ve done. See their healing energies on the thousands and thousands of people who have come through here.”

Thunderbird, along with Kate Dickson and Sandy Horne, led a welcome prayer, and burned a smudge of tobacco, cedar, sweetgrass, and sage, whose scents combined into a galvanizing aroma. The ceremony also included blessings from other religious speakers

and ended with the crowd chanting the solemn, rhythmic tune of the travelling song accompanied by the pounding of two large traditional drums.

In preparation for construction on campus, the ceremony gave more than 100 spectators an opportunity to show their gratitude to the trees and land around them.

“We wanted to pay homage to the significance it has to our patients, families, staff, and other visitors to our campus,” said Shelley Ditty, Vice-President of Campus Development. “As construction approaches, it is important to acknowledge that we are entering a period of change, and people need the opportunity to reflect on what the existing trees and land have meant to them.”

As it has done many times in the past, West Park’s grounds will undergo another bold transformation that will empower the next generation of patients to get their lives back.

### Make a donation today!

West Park Foundation has launched the \$80 million Get Your Life Back Campaign to support the capital costs of the new hospital. Please call or email today to see how you can make a difference.

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