

# VCC Construction

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Information newsletter about construction at VCC's Broadway campus - Fall 2006

## VCC's Broadway campus expansion begins

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VCC's Broadway campus expansion began in earnest in September – with construction starting on the college's new seven-storey Health Sciences building at Seventh and Glen.

"This is a major milestone," says Linda Martin, VCC's vice-president of advancement and education services. "Up until now the college community has only seen this project on the drawing board – but now they'll be able to watch the building take shape during construction."

Official ground-breaking events scheduled through the fall months will see the college community have an opportunity to view the latest designs for the building, needed to help alleviate the pressing space shortage.

VCC's new building is a major project – and that's going to mean the campus community will need to adjust to changing campus access, revamped parking and construction needs. "VCC has been waiting for this new building for a long time – and it's going to make a significant difference to our entire community: students, employees and the industries we serve," says Martin.

"It will mean significantly more space for programs at both our main campuses," she says. "We'll be relocating Health Sciences programs from downtown, which in turn will free up considerable space there." ■

**For more information on the building construction, please contact our project manager, David Nesbitt, at [projectmanager@vcc.ca](mailto:projectmanager@vcc.ca).**



## Some key changes during construction:

**McGregor Day Care:** VCC is relocating the day care to the second floor of the northeast corner of the campus, which has been specially refitted to accommodate a child care facility.

**Parking:** all parking will be shifted to the north lot to accommodate construction supplies and equipment; the parking pay station has been relocated to the centre of the north lot to serve parkers there.

**Pedestrian access:** walkway access to the back entrance of the campus – currently near the loading bay – will be limited; instead, use the entranceways off either Glen or Keith Drives.

**Loading bay:** the receiving department will remain open, although vehicle access to the loading bay – including the parking stalls there – may be temporarily restricted during certain phases of construction.

**Truck traffic:** Glen Drive and Seventh Avenue are expected to see increased truck traffic over the coming months, particularly as the site is excavated and the concrete foundation poured. Drivers will experience minor delays at times as they try to reach the north parking lot.

## Details on VCC's new Health Sciences building:

- Seven storeys high
- Approximately 133,000 square feet or 12,367 square metres
- Total cost: \$55 million
- A five-storey atrium will provide a bright, open central space; plans call for décor featuring artwork through the city's public art program
- Projected opening for the fall 2008 semester
- Roughly 36 classrooms
- Roughly 24 labs of various kinds
- State-of-the-art training labs for nursing, resident care attendant, laboratory assistant and other health programs
- Simulated hospital wards and pharmacies to give students hands-on experience in a realistic setting
- Much-needed student study space; enhanced event space
- Services, including health services and an expanded bookstore
- A new day care facility, located on the roof, with outdoor play space
- A strong sense of campus; the new building will be the central hub linking the existing facility with future development
- Offices and work stations for program and service departments