

# Expression of Interest for the RVH Site

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## Introduction

The historic Royal Victoria Hospital (RVH) site represents an exceptional opportunity for the McGill Faculty of Medicine to fully realize its vision of a modern Health Sciences Campus for inter-professional, inter-disciplinary and inter-faculty education and research, as well as community outreach. Equally important, it offers a once-in-a-lifetime solution to the University's crippling space constraints, one that would enable McGill to continue recruiting top talent in the health sciences, grow and lead, nationally and internationally. We welcome 1 3427 538.75 Tm(in)

## 2. Creating a Modern Health Sciences Campus

The campus

Phase 1 would be housed in the refurbished buildings of the RVH

project should be considered. Another potential partner would be the School of Social Work, to reflect the important relationship between social services and health care. The establishment of

research value of the HSC further, while providing substantial room for expansion of wet-bench activities by other faculties in liberated McIntyre space.

Alternatively, these adjacencies might create an opportunity to redistribute research space along inter-disciplinary, thematic, rather than departmental, lines.

## 5. Engaging and Serving the Community

The establishment of a Health Sciences Campus on the slopes of Mount Royal would create a hub of excellence in education, research and innovation, positioning McGill to continue its leadership in the health sciences into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. In addition to promoting collaborations within the University, the HSC would also provide an attractive neighbourhood for potential partners from both the private and public sectors.

McGill-led health care facilities on the HSC campus, similar to what has been done at the Faculty of Dentistry on Sherbrooke Street, should also be considered. Such facilities would provide health care and health promotion services to the McGill community, as well as to the general public through lectures, conferences and other outreach activities, while providing an enriched learning environment for our students.

Finally, there is an intangible benefit of moving health-related educational facilities to a location that has been historically linked to health care and McGill's medical history. Many members of the McGill community would consider the creation of the HSC on the RVH site consistent with the intention of the original RVH gift by Donald Smith and George Stephen. The McGill Health Sciences Campus would be received as a worthy use of space originally donated for a health care facility to serve our communities.



Phase 2

40,000 GSM

Departments