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Construction begins on the New CHUM A Functioning Hospital by 2016

Montréal, February 25, 2011—It is with great pride that Christian Paire, Director General of the CHUM, in the presence of Jean Charest, Premier of Québec, Michelle Courchesne, Minister responsible for Government Administration and Chair of the Conseil du trésor and Yves Bolduc, Minister of Health and Social Services, is today proceeding with the launch of construction on the new CHUM. This effort is aimed at promoting a world-class university hospital complex dedicated to outstanding patient care that serves as a reference model for teaching, research and health promotion.

The selected proponent, [CHUM] Collectif, submitted a project consistent with our expectations and requirements, representing the best response to needs of patients and their families. [CHUM] Collectif will be in charge of the new hospital's design, construction and maintenance for the next 30 years. The innovative concept presented by [CHUM] Collectif makes the patient central to spatial organization.

An Operational Hospital by the Spring of 2016

By the spring of 2016, almost all clinical services will be provided within the complex (patient rooms, operating rooms, medical imaging, diagnostic and treatment services) for a fully functional hospital. Additional ambulatory services, an amphitheatre, a library and clinical and administrative offices will be added in a second phase to be completed by the spring of 2019.

In Harmony With the Environment

The CHUM will be a community stakeholder in harmony and in keeping with its environment. The institution is not only a key component of Montreal's urban fabric, but is helping to redefine the surrounding neighbourhood's identity. "The new CHUM will incorporate art, culture and architecture inspired by the community's collective memory. Cultural heritage is a core element of the experience offered to visitors, staff and even passers-by," said Christian Paire. The steeple of Église Saint-Sauveur will become an architectural icon and the Maison Garth a historic artefact.

Excavation will start in March, when the façade of Église Saint-Sauveur is deconstructed. In parallel, the Viger wing of the CHUM Research Centre will be built over subsequent months, with completion set for 2013.

To monitor the progress of this work, please visit nouveauchum.com

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