

TORONTO GETS NEW COURTHOUSE

McGuinty Government Enhancing Access To Justice

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Ontario is building a new courthouse in the west end of Toronto that will improve access to justice by increasing the availability of modern, accessible and secure justice services for the community.

Once construction begins, the Ontario Court of Justice courthouse will revitalize the Toronto west area, and create construction jobs and other economic spin-offs that will benefit local businesses.

The Ontario Realty Corporation, the provincial government's real estate service provider, is continuing to work co-operatively with the City of Toronto to establish the site for the new courthouse, within the Westwood Theatre Lands in Etobicoke, near the intersections of Bloor Street West, Dundas Street West and Kipling Avenue.

Next steps include securing the required rezoning permits, master planning work and technical studies so that the acquisition of the site can be finalized and the construction process can begin.

QUOTES

"Torontonians will have greater access to justice through a new courthouse designed with Ontarians in mind – with secure, accessible justice services that maximize the use of public funds. Our government is taking a leadership role in ensuring green, environmentally sustainable building design."

— Attorney General Chris Bentley

"Area residents will benefit from this investment that will not only encourage economic growth in Etobicoke, but will also provide the opportunity for future redevelopment in the north end of our community."

— Laurel Broten, MPP for Etobicoke-Lakeshore

QUICK FACTS

- The courthouse will be a "green" building, designed to meet Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) silver standards.
- The new courthouse will house more than 20 courtrooms, including two major criminal courts.
- Toronto courts receive over 147,000 criminal charges each year, or approximately 25 per cent of all criminal charges in Ontario.

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