

# Revealing a Vacancy: The Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal from 2015-2020

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The Royal Victoria Hospital, fondly known as the "Royal Vic," was built in 1893 on the flank of Mount Royal in Montreal, Canada. Founded by Scottish immigrants, the hospital intended to open its doors to everyone, a promise that it kept for the following 120 years. During this time, the Royal Vic served the Montreal population, accumulating status and buildings along the way. However, in 2015, the hospital facilities were vacated and moved to the new super hospital conglomerate elsewhere in Montreal. Since then, public knowledge about the happenings and conversations regarding the old Royal Vic site has been fragmented. This thesis looks to reveal and organize some of the conversations that make sense of the site. I specifically focus on revealing the planning, or lack thereof, that contributes to the vacancy, the temporary uses that occurred since 2015, and the ongoing public debates surrounding the historic site.



Source: McCord Museum