Dogwood Lodge Construction Update: Demolition of the Special Care Unit (SCU)

The new Dogwood Lodge will be built next to where the current Dogwood Lodge is located. In the spring of 2018, we closed the SCU and 30 residents transferred to preferred care homes. We are now preparing for the demolition of the SCU. The Developer (Onni) has been working with the City, consultants and VCH to develop a plan to ensure resident and staff safety.

Schedule of Work:
The removal of the SCU will occur in 2 phases:
- Early December: technical services will be disconnected from the SCU, and drywall will be removed.
- Mid to late December: there will be no active work on the SCU.
- January 2019 – the SCU will be demolished.

Impact on Dogwood residents and families
Every effort is being taken to minimize the impact however, residents can expect the following:
- Construction work will occur between 07:30 to 16:30, Monday to Friday. There will be no work at night or during the weekend.
- Construction-related noise, vibrations, and vehicle activity. The impact will be monitored on a daily basis; air quality testing will also be conducted regularly.
- Access to the small dining lounge (adjacent to the SCU) may be restricted for a short period of time while a new exterior wall is constructed. No change to accessing the outdoor smoking area
- No change to accessing the existing parking lot

If you have any concerns regarding the construction, please email Deborah Lorimer (deborah.lorimer@vch.ca) to discuss your concerns.

High Level Project Timelines:

October 26 2018 – RFP issued; proponents have approximately 6 months to develop their design-build proposal.
April 2019 – Successful design builder will be selected.
Fall 2019 – Construction on the new Dogwood Lodge will begin.
Late 2021 – Construction will be complete.
Early 2022 – Residents move into the new Dogwood Lodge.