Construction Preparation Underway
Pearson Dogwood lands developer, Onni, is preparing to start construction for Phase 1 of the Pearson Dogwood Redevelopment Project. Site preparation is underway now. This includes:
- Relocation of hydro poles and powerlines
- Demolition of several buildings, including Ward 7 in GPC
- Relocation of emergency power units

Targeted for completion by 2022, Phase 1 includes: the first 50 housing units with supports; the new Community Health Centre; a new Therapy Pool; the new Dogwood Lodge Residential Care Facility and a new Adult Daycare.

Individualized Planning With Residents
VCH is working with Disability Alliance of BC (DABC) & Community and Residents Mentors Association (CARMA) to support individualized planning with George Pearson Centre (GPC) residents. This includes offering individuals choice in when and where they relocate and the type of care and support that works best for them. GPC will remain open until all 114 new housing units with supports are complete and all residents are transitioned to new living arrangements that meet their needs.

Therapy Pool Requirements Submitted with Development Permit Application
The Therapy Pool Users Working Group confirmed requirements for the new pool facility last fall. These were submitted by Onni as part of the development permit application to the City of Vancouver. Once the application is approved, likely later this spring, the Working Group will meet again to advise the Project Team on detailed design elements.

Temporary Closure of Special Care Unit at Dogwood Lodge
Construction of the new Dogwood Lodge is scheduled to begin in fall 2018, directly next to the current facility. In order to minimize disruption to residents and accommodate construction requirements, the Special Care Unit (SCU) will close and SCU residents and families will be provided with options for relocation. Options include:
- Another neighbourhood in Dogwood Lodge, if the resident no longer requires SCU
- A new 12-bed SCU that VCH is contracting with the Lakeview Care Centre in Vancouver
- Moving to another SCU bed in a preferred care home, on a priority basis.

Building a Facility for the Future
The Project Team expects to start construction of the new Dogwood Lodge in early 2019 and will initiate a procurement process in the coming months to select a builder. The new Dogwood Lodge will replace the current 113 bed facility with a modern building and best practice design, including 150 residential care beds for older adults with complex care needs. It will feature a Special Care Unit for 28 frail elders, accommodations for ventilator/tracheotomy needs and has flexibility to provide respite care and support for palliative and/or end-of-life care. This new facility will provide 24 hour nursing care, and support residents to live safely, with dignity in a home-like setting. Residents will move from the current Dogwood Lodge directly into the new facility when it is completed.

Pearson Dogwood Redevelopment Project Timeline:
2017 – Rezoning approval, development permits, high level design
2018 – Detailed design starts and construction begins for Phase 1
2022 – Completion of Phase 1