Public Hearing July 20, 2017

Onni seeking rezoning approval

The City of Vancouver has confirmed July 20th as the date for the Public Hearing regarding the rezoning application for the Pearson Dogwood lands. While the developer, Onni, is seeking approval of plans for the entire site, VCH has contributed plans for the health services and housing with supports that is part of this project.

If City Council approves the rezoning application, we will move forward with more detailed planning and design in preparation for the building permit application process in the fall. This is a tight timeframe, but will ensure the project stays on track with the proposed construction schedule.

The Project Timeline is:

- 2017 Rezoning approval and building permits granted
- 2018 Construction commences for Phase 1
- 2021/22 Phase 1 completed, first 50 residents move into housing with supports, Community Health Centre opens, new Therapy Pool Opens, new Dogwood Lodge opens, new Adult Daycare opens
- 2021 Construction commences for Phase 2
- 2024 Construction commences for Phase 3

Sessions Seek Feedback on GPC Model of Care Framework & New Dogwood Lodge Design

In June, Project Director, Lori Benning and Community Engagement Lead Katie Hume, together with representatives from CARMA, visited each of the GPC wards to review the Model of Care Framework with residents and family members. Overall response for the proposed model was positive.

Some residents were particularly interested in learning about the staffing model and the role of the Total Support Worker, others had questions about the therapy pool and VCH’s plans to replace this facility. Residents were also interested in the Public Hearing and ensuring their voices are represented. A report from GPC residents is being prepared with the GPC Residents’ Council and will be submitted to City Council prior to the Public Hearing. This outlines key concerns and priorities expressed by residents during the engagement sessions and in one-one interviews that were offered to all residents.

Information sessions were also held for Dogwood Lodge residents and family members, where Bob Chapman, Director, Residential Care joined Lori to provide an overview of the design. While overall response was positive, there were some concerns expressed regarding the “neighbourhood” model of care. Bob explained that this is considered best practice for residential care and has been well received in other facilities.

Project at a Glance:

The Pearson Dogwood Redevelopment Project replaces George Pearson Centre and Dogwood Lodge as well as the Stan Stronge Therapy Pool. The project includes a new Community Health Centre to accommodate the relocation and integration of a number of community services in South Vancouver.

George Pearson Centre Replacement
- 114 housing units with supports
- Options include single, 4 bedroom and six bedroom units
- Individualized care plans will ensure the clinical, physical and social needs of residents are met

Dogwood Lodge
- Replacing existing 113 beds with a new six-floor facility supporting 150 older adults with complex care needs
- Private rooms and bathrooms
- 11 Neighbourhoods/Homes, each with access to outdoors
- 2 of which focus on dementia care

Adult Day Care
- A new Adult Day Care facility will be located in Dogwood Lodge

Therapy Pool
- Stan Stronge Therapy Pool will be replaced with a new pool facility of similar size and capacity

Community Health Centre
- New 3 floor, 60,000 square foot facility will bring together a range of health services and supports