



Pearson Dogwood Project Progressing! *Finalizing Functional Plans and Facility Designs*

For those who call the Pearson Dogwood lands home for themselves or a loved one, the Redevelopment Project is a very personal journey. It is also a unique opportunity to create a community that is welcoming, accessible and supportive for everyone who will come to this site to live, visit or avail themselves of the many health, recreational and retail services that are envisioned for the future.

Transforming this vision into reality is the focus of the Pearson Dogwood Redevelopment Project Team, and 2016 was a busy year. Working together with community partners and advisors, the team is focused on planning, consultation and design for new health care services, facilities and housing with supports.

Project Milestones

- 2014 – Pearson Dogwood Policy Statement Approved
- 2015 – Onni Group announced as development partner
- 2016 – Onni submits rezoning application to City of Vancouver; ongoing consultation and planning for urban site design and for health facilities, housing with supports and other amenities
- 2017 – Rezoning approval, detailed planning, ongoing collaboration
- 2018 – Start construction

Collaboration and Consultation

VCH is grateful for the ongoing support and guidance provided by a wide range of community partners and advisors. This has included input from Pearson residents at advisory committee meetings, feedback from community advocacy groups such as CARMA (Community and Residents Mentors Association) and Disability Alliance BC (DABC) and collaboration with City of Vancouver advisory committees such as the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee and the Seniors Advisory Committee.

This input and guidance is essential to creating a community that will meet the lifestyle and health care requirements of current and future residents. This includes the following priorities:

- Welcoming and accessible for all
- Services and supports for people with complex physical disabilities and other health challenges
- Housing options to maximize independent living in the community

For more information: <http://pearsondogwood.vchnews.ca/>

Project at a Glance

The Pearson Dogwood Redevelopment Project replaces two older residential care facilities: George Pearson Centre and Dogwood Lodge, as well as the relocation and integration of a number of community programs and services serving South Vancouver. Key elements:

George Pearson Centre Replacement

114 new housing units with supports, integrated with other housing on the site, to enable residents to live as independently as they choose.

Dogwood Lodge Replacement

New residential care facility, accommodating 150 people with complex needs, including a 28 bed Special Care Unit.

Adult Day Care Program

Replacement facility, designed specifically to assist seniors to remain at home, including support for those with dementia, acquired brain injury and other health concerns.

Community Health Centre

A new facility, bringing together a wide range of health services and supports in one location. Multidisciplinary health care teams will support client needs in the clinic and in the community.

Therapy Pool

Partnership with the YMCA to replace existing pool, with a new, accessible, warm-water pool for people with significant disabilities.