Project Background
The redevelopment of the Pearson Dogwood property is a multi-phased project that includes redevelopment of George Pearson Centre and Dogwood Lodge. It will also bring together a number of community programs serving South Vancouver to support local residents with a full range of health services and supports.

Business as usual at George Pearson Centre (GPC)
Demolition is underway! Ward 7 and its corridor have been removed, as well as the modular buildings, boiler house, and shed; the BC Ambulance building will be demolished later this year. Construction is expected to begin in early 2019 with occupancy targeted for early 2022. The care and safety of residents who reside at GPC and Dogwood Lodge will be paramount throughout the development process.

While recent demolition activity has prompted some to speculate that GPC will be closing soon, the truth is that it is business as usual for at least the next three years. The first 50 residents will transition to their new homes in early 2022 and GPC will remain open until all residents have transitioned to new homes, approx. 2028/2029.

Dogwood Lodge & Adult Day Centre - Procurement Phase
Stakeholder engagement sessions were held over the summer to gather more information on what is important for residents, families, and staff in the new Dogwood Lodge. This information was shared with potential building designers and construction bidders and will be incorporated into their bids. The stakeholder feedback will ensure construction proponents are able to come up with a competitive design that meets the standards and requirements for residents, families and staff.

A request for qualifications (RFQ) to accept bids from construction companies was completed over the summer, resulting in a shortlist of three groups to move to the next phase. The next step is a request for proposals (RFP) which is currently underway and will continue into early 2019, at which time we hope to hire a design & construction firm. It is estimated that the construction for a new Dogwood Lodge will commence in late 2019 for a targeted opening in early 2022.

Design Development – Future homes for 50 GPC Residents
The first phase of the redevelopment project will include accommodation for 50 George Pearson Residents in either a 4-bedroom home, a 6-bedroom home, or a single apartment. Clinicians from the Supported Housing team are working with GPC residents, families, and advocates to develop individualized transition plans for current GPC residents. Residents will be able to self-select when (which phase of the redevelopment) and where (Pearson Units, Community, Residential Care) they would like to move.
A working group, consisting of GPC residents, members from Community and Residents Mentors Association, Disability Alliance BC, and Persons with Disability Advisory Committee, along with the project team, have been working with the architect on the Pearson unit drawings. Schematic design has been approved and typical floor plans will soon be available for residents and family members to use as they complete the individualized planning process. Technological innovations available throughout the buildings and individual homes will make these homes as accessible as possible.

**Design Development – Community Health Centre and Therapy Pool**

Schematic design working groups were held this summer to work with stakeholders to go through the design elements, such as room locations and needs, access points and flow. The stakeholder groups included staff, clients, family members, community advocates and service providers.

Working with the architect, the working groups created a schematic design layout for both the Therapy Pool and the Community Health Centre. These designs will ensure that existing service models can continue in the new building with minimal impact on clients. As we move forward, the room layouts and flow will be further refined based on specific program and client population requirements.

**Community Engagement Sessions**

A series of engagement sessions were held for Dogwood Lodge, the new Therapy Pool, and the future Pearson Units. Led by VCH’s Community Engagement Team, the engagement sessions involved presenting the most recent project information to attendees as well as obtaining their feedback on specific design items. There was also a question and answer period where attendees could ask specific questions to the project team. Feedback was collated by the Community Engagement team and distributed via email (to those who opted in) as well as posted on the engagement boards at each site. Future engagement sessions will be planned for 2019, while ongoing updates will be posted on the engagement boards.

**Pearson Dogwood Redevelopment Project Timeline:**

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