The Pearson Dogwood Redevelopment Project will address high priority health care needs through the redevelopment of two older residential care homes, 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.

**New Dogwood Lodge & Adult Day Centre moving ahead into Procurement Phase – June 2018**

The current Dogwood Lodge will be replaced with a new residential care home for people with complex needs. The homelike neighbourhood design will include 150 single rooms, each with an ensuite bathroom. Within Dogwood Lodge, there will be a 28 person Special Care Unit and additional capacity for ventilator/tracheotomy care. A new Adult Day Centre will also be located within the new Dogwood Lodge on the ground level.

Earlier this month we issued a request for qualifications to accept bids from construction companies. Next will be a request for proposals, which is approximately a six-month process. We hope to hire a construction firm next Spring. Once a builder is secured, it is estimated that the construction for a new Dogwood Lodge will commence in late 2019, for a targeted opening in early 2022.

Additional stakeholder engagement sessions will be held over the next few months to gather more information on what is important for residents, families, and staff in the new Dogwood Lodge. This information will be shared with potential construction bidders so they can incorporate the feedback into their design bids and ensure they have the most detailed information to be able to come up with a competitive design that meets the standards and requirements for residents, families and staff.

**Construction Preparation Continues for 50 Pearson Units, Community Health Centre and Therapy Pool**

Construction preparation continues for two additional sections of the project. The first will be the future home for 44 Pearson residents while the second area will have six homes for Pearson residents, the new Therapy Pool, and the Community Health Centre. Here are some highlights:

- Demolition of several vacant outbuildings will happen June through August; excavation will begin in the Fall of 2018 with full building construction to begin on these components in early 2019.
- The areas to undergo construction have been secured with fencing and signage to ensure resident, staff and the general public are kept a safe distance from the work.
- The most notable building that will be demolished this summer is Ward 7. Demolition of the interior is underway.
- Steps are being taken to ensure the demolition has minimal impact on residents.
- Target completion for these three components is late 2021.

**Design Development**

The next stage of design development for Dogwood Lodge & Adult Day Centre, the Therapy Pool, the Community Health Centre and the Pearson Units will begin this summer and will run to October 2018. Here are some highlights:

- This phase will involve meeting with stakeholder groups to dig deeper into the detailed design elements.
- Stakeholder groups include staff, clients, family members, community advocates and service providers.
- Input received from these groups will help ensure that the new buildings are designed with staff and clients safety in mind while maintaining best practice.
- Community and family engagement event dates will be provided when available.

**Individualized Planning for Pearson Residents**

One of the goals of individualized planning is to offer individuals choice in when and where they relocate as George Pearson Centre (GPC) closes and new supported homes become available, and the type of care and support that works best for them. VCH, the Disability Alliance of BC (DABC), and the Community and Residents Mentors Association (CARMA) are continuing to meet with GPC residents to discuss individualized planning. Their visibility on the wards at GPC is having a positive impact and more residents are now identifying themselves to move out into the new supported apartments when the first phase is ready late 2021.

**Pearson Dogwood Redevelopment Project Timeline:**

- 2017 – Rezoning approval, development permits, high level design
- 2018/19 – Detailed design starts and construction begins for Phase 1: first 50 Pearson Units, new Community Health Centre, Therapy Pool and Dogwood Lodge with Adult Day Centre
- 2022 – Completion of Phase 1