

# INTRODUCTION

Building on the site where St. Vincent's Hospital stood for 65 years, Providence Health Care in partnership with the Archdiocese of Vancouver, is furthering the legacy of care begun by The Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception. Providence Health Care is one of the largest faith-based health care organizations in Canada. They provide health care services in partnership with Vancouver Coastal Health, The Provincial Health Services Authority, and the University of British Columbia. Providence Health Care operates 9 sites in Vancouver including St. Paul's Hospital, Mount Saint Joseph Hospital, Holy Family Hospital, Youville Residence, Marion Hospice, and St. Vincent Sites: Honoria Conway, Brock Fahrni Pavilion and Langara.

An integral part of Providence's vision is the renewal and redevelopment of their residential care facilities. With the goal to consolidate services to better suit the needs of the elderly, building has commenced on the St. Vincent's Hospital site (33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Heather Street), to develop a Campus of Care.

The Campus of Care will support seniors to 'age in place' rather than have to move as their care needs increase through a broad range of health and housing options, which could include:

- Independent living
- Supported Living-housing and optional hospitality services (meals, etc.)
- Assisted Living – personal care, housing and hospitality services (meals and cleaning)
- Complex or Extended Residential Care – round-the-clock care
- Rehabilitative services
- Palliative care
- Hospice; and,
- Special outpatient clinics



## SITE HISTORY

When St. Vincent Hospital first opened its doors in 1939, it was located in what was then the backwoods of Vancouver. “There were no paved roads or sidewalks leading to the original 100-bed community hospital. Its neighbours were the RCMP Barracks and horse barns, as well as the DVA Shaughnessy Military Hospital and the Grace Hospital. The Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception founded the hospital, and members of the order served as administrators until 1980. In 1991, the Heather site joined with Arbutus and Langara sites to form the St. Vincent’s Health Care Society. Brock Fahrni joined the Society in 1993.

After several expansions and renovations over the years, St. Vincent’s grew to become a 500 bed health care complex encompassing four hospital sites. Together, the St. Vincent’s Hospitals provided emergency, acute medical/surgical, psychiatric and chronic services, as well as a range of outpatient and diagnostic support services. What this meant for patients was a continuum of care from initial diagnostic and treatment services, to community care, acute care, residential care and palliative care.

St. Vincent’s original Heather site sits on the crest of a hill at 749 West 33rd enjoying one of the City’s most spectacular views. The hospital was closed in early 2004 and the health services provided on site were relocated to other sites run by Providence Health Care.”



# SITE DEVELOPMENT

## Background

The Campus of Care consists of 7.5 acres between Heather and Willow Streets on the north side of 33rd Avenue. The Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese, as trustees of the legacy of the Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception, granted a 75-year lease to Providence Health Care Society for the delivery of services dedicated to senior care. Providence underwent a rezoning process for these lands in 2007 and began enactment in 2012.

Providence is developing a Residential Renewal Strategy to replace many of its aging facilities in alignment with a broader initiative being undertaken across the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority. St. Vincent's Heather is a key element of the strategy as the land is immediately available and appropriately zoned.

## The Campus of Care – Phased Building

The Campus' buildings will be arranged around two organizing mews: an east-west pedestrian and vehicular mews on the 32nd Avenue alignment, and a north-south pedestrian and vehicular mews.

### Phase One: Honoria Conway

Completed in 2008

This is a 4-storey building with 60 assisted living units for seniors and 8 independent living units for disabled adults. The west elevation opens onto a shared, common outdoor space. Limited parking is located on the north side of the building.



### **Phase Two: John Paul II Pastoral Centre**

Anticipated construction beginning 2013 with anticipated completion summer 2014

This will be a 4-storey building with offices, auditorium, chancery, chapel, 10 seniors housing units, and underground parking for the Catholic Charities and the Archdiocese of Vancouver. The retired priests' housing units face Willow Street to the west with the building's main entrance facing east. Important site features include steep grade changes on the west slope with a stand of mature evergreen trees that wrap the southwest corner of the site. This small woodland contributes to the creation of a quiet and peaceful environment separate from the office functions and use. With paths connecting to the wellness walkway, this quiet oasis will be accessible to the occupants, visitors, and neighbouring community.

### **Phase Three: Hospice**

Anticipated construction beginning 2013 with completion in 2015/16.

This will be a 1-storey, 12 bed facility located on the northwest corner of the site. The hospice will be "tucked" into the hill with a public plaza located above. The plaza will provide connections via stairs to Willow Street and ramps and stairs to a Wellness Walkway along the north perimeter. With the proposed Ronald MacDonald House<sup>(3)</sup> to the north and Children's and Women's Hospitals beyond, this point of entry will be an important access point for visitors to the Campus.

### **Phase Four: Central Pavilion with North and South Wings**

Hopeful target for beginning of construction 2016 with completion 2018

The South Wing fronts 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and will be 5-storeys high. The North Wing will be 6-stories, with north orientation facing onto the east/west mews. The main entrance to the Central Pavilion will face west with pick up, drop off and short term parking located directly in front. The building will house residents in need of different levels of complex care, transitional care (convalescent or rehabilitation), provide space for a variety of programs including ambulatory care programs, adult day care, and a geriatric day program, as well as space for administrative, clinical, support services and community infrastructure, and research and academic space.

### **Phase Five: North Housing Complex**

Hopeful target for beginning of construction 2017 with completion 2019

Located on the northeast corner of the site. The east elevation will be 3.5 stories high and the west elevation will be 4 stories. There will be pick up and drop off for residents along the east/west mews.

There will be underground parking for the entire site with access from Willow Street. Vehicular traffic will be limited for the purposes of picking up and dropping off with some short term parking.

Current site — Fig. 1



Current site — Fig. 2

