

# ROYAL COLUMBIAN HOSPITAL EXPANSION

## Frequently Asked Questions



### 1. What's the purpose of the redevelopment?

As a vital referral centre for specialized care, the Royal Columbian's services are in demand. To address the significant increase in patient volumes and congestion the hospital has seen in recent years, the multi-phase multi-year redevelopment of the hospital will increase its capacity.

When the full redevelopment is complete the people of British Columbia will have access to more cardiac, trauma, mental health, maternity and neonatal intensive care services and beds. And Fraser Health will have more capacity to meet the needs of our growing and aging population.

### 2. What is the phasing and timeline for the redevelopment?

**Phase 1** starts in 2015 and includes (in order of construction activity)

- New parking on and near the hospital campus
- Moving the helipad to the top of the Health Care Centre to allow for construction cranes
- Building a new 4-storey, 75-bed mental health and substance use facility, to replace Sherbrooke, plus an underground parkade and a new Energy Centre, all on the Allen Street parking lot
- Site enhancements in place of the aging Sherbrooke building

**Phases 2 and 3** Fraser Health will submit a business plan in 2016 for the Ministry of Health's approval which outlines final scope and schedules. These phases are expected to add:

- New acute care beds
- A new larger Emergency Department
- New operating rooms
- New parkade and new main entrance
- Upgrades to existing spaces

### 3. Who are the partners involved in the project?

The partners in the redevelopment are the Ministry of Health and Fraser Health. Construction partners have not been selected as of May 2015. The City of New Westminster is supporting the project through transportation, energy, urban planning and parking initiatives.

### 4. What is the City's role in the redevelopment project?

The City of New Westminster is working with the provincial government to address traffic flow, road, bike, and ambulance access. The City is working with Fraser Health to address parking, to ensure new hospital buildings integrate with the urban design of the neighbourhood, and to develop a proposed District Energy System to reduce the hospital's greenhouse gas emissions.

**5. How will the city and Sapperton neighbourhood benefit?**

The City of New Westminster and the Sapperton neighbourhood will continue to be home to one of the largest and most specialized hospitals in the province, and the largest employer in the City. New Westminster residents can expect to receive the highest standard of care and service in the newly redeveloped facility.

The hospital's redevelopment is anticipated to attract and stimulate the creation of additional medical professional practices and medical technology and research companies to Sapperton, and create additional demand for housing, daycare, and amenities in the area.

The City will work together with Fraser Health, TransLink, the province and other stakeholders to ensure that traffic, parking, construction and other disruptive issues are mitigated.

**6. How will traffic and parking issues be addressed?**

The province and City of New Westminster are working together to plan for future improved road, bike, and pedestrian access to better meet the hospital's needs. The long-term goal is to improve the safety, accessibility and connectivity to and from the hospital, and through the city of New Westminster

The City and Fraser Health's parking services team are working on ways to maintain the current parking levels during construction and until the underground parkade is finished below the new Mental Health and Substance Use facility. This may include parking on or near hospital grounds.

**7. How can I learn more about this project?**

More information about the Royal Columbian Hospital redevelopment project is available on [Fraser Health's website](#). The City of New Westminster and Fraser Health will hold information sessions with the community in advance of construction of the Mental Health and Substance Use facility.