



NEWS RELEASE

Abbotsford Welcomes Campus of Care

Abbotsford, November 23, 2009 – The City of Abbotsford is proud to support Canuck Place Children’s Hospice, Abbotsford Hospice Society and Matthew’s House in establishing a Campus of Care in Abbotsford, announced Mayor George W. Peary today.

Canuck Place, Abbotsford Hospice Society and Matthew’s House provide children, adults and families residential and support services in relation to life threatening illness, palliative care, and respite. The three organizations have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to build a Campus of Care that will provide programs and services for residents of the Fraser Valley.

“Canuck Place, Abbotsford Hospice Society and Matthew’s House approached the City with a proposal to build three facilities that will work together as a Campus of Care,” said Peary. “We are proud to support this fantastic initiative that will bring important health and support services to our residents.”

The Campus of Care will be located on Marshall Road adjacent to the Abbotsford Regional Hospital and Cancer Centre. The lands are owned by the City of Abbotsford and the District of Mission. Both have agreed to lease the lands for the development of the Campus of Care.

Canuck Place, Abbotsford Hospice Society and Matthew’s House will each build separate facilities and provide services in their areas of specialty. Canuck Place intends to build a children’s hospice that will serve children with life threatening illnesses and their families from all regions of BC. Matthew’s House will offer long and short term respite for severely disabled BC Children. Abbotsford Hospice Society will build a facility to house its Resource & Support Centre and ultimately a residential hospice for persons age 19 and older. Collectively, these three facilities will make up the Campus of Care.

“This is a unique model that will likely attract the attention of the healthcare community on an international level,” said Peary. “We are extremely excited to have this significant partnership develop this collective project in our community.”

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