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New mental-health beds coming to Abbotsford

ABBOTSFORD – Construction is underway for a new 50-bed facility for adults living with mental-health challenges in Abbotsford.

The new two-storey development, located at 33134 Marshall Rd., will replace 30 beds from the owner-operated Sunrise Special Care Facility that closed in June 2012, and provide an additional 20 assisted-living units.

Project partners and funding include:

- The B.C. government will arrange approximately \$7.7 million in construction financing.
- Fraser Health is providing about \$755,000 in equity and will be providing approximately \$2.5 million annually in operating and support funding.

The development will be managed and operated by the MPA Society. Construction is expected to be complete by summer 2016.

Quotes:

Darryl Plecas, MLA for Abbotsford South –

“The Marshall Road development is a result of our government’s ongoing commitment to develop housing with integrated supports that make a real difference in people’s lives. This development will provide people living with mental illness with a strong foundation through housing stability and the other supports they need to take those first steps toward recovery and a healthier, more fulfilling life.”

Stan Kuperis, director, Mental Health and Substance Use, Fraser Health –

“It is vital that we continually seek opportunities to strengthen the services we offer to those who depend on us in our communities for care and support. The Marshall Road development will offer choice and flexibility for residents, and a housing environment that maximizes their recovery.”

Mayor Henry Braun, City of Abbotsford –

“Mental illness affects people of all ages from all walks of life. The development of this project on Marshall Road will provide additional, much-needed services to people in our community who need it most.”

Dave MacIntyre, executive director, MPA Society –

“MPA Society is excited to partner with Fraser Health and the Province for the development of this building. MPA Society will create a supportive housing environment where residents are empowered to make decisions, lead self-directed lives and develop positive relationships in the community.”

Quick facts:

- Since 2001, the B.C. government has invested \$4 billion to provide affordable housing for low-income individuals, seniors and families.
- This year, nearly 100,000 B.C. households will benefit from provincial social housing programs and services.
- Last year, the Province invested over \$6.8 million to provide subsidized housing and rent supplements for 1,843 Abbotsford households.

Learn more:

The MPA Society is a non-profit organization founded in 1971 by people experiencing the debilitating effects of mental illness and their supporters. The society is a recognized leader in community mental-health service program delivery. To learn more, visit: www.mpa-society.org

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