

Vancouver General Hospital Rezoning

Planning for the future of the hospital campus

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Rezoning the Vancouver General Hospital campus

Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) is preparing to submit a rezoning application for the Vancouver General Hospital (VGH) campus

Rezoning the campus will enable VGH to grow sustainably to meet the evolving needs of patients, clients, staff, medical staff, and partners from across the province.



About VGH

- Provides a wide-range of health services, including emergency care, kidney dialysis, cardiac services, mental health supports, and specialized acute care for trauma, neurological concerns, stroke and burns.
- Serves as B.C.'s referral centre for many provincial programs and provides care for patients requiring specialist services across the province
- Teaching hospital affiliated with the University of British Columbia and home to one of the largest research institutes in Canada.



Preliminary public engagement

Prior to submitting the rezoning application, VCH is conducting preliminary public engagement to:

- Introduce key elements of the rezoning application
- Provide information related to the rezoning application
- Gather early feedback for consideration in the rezoning application



Rezoning process

Why rezoning is needed

Rezoning will help the VGH campus evolve over time and provide a long-term planning framework that:

- Supports sustainable campus growth
- Responds to current and future health-care demands
- Incorporates best practices in health-care delivery and hospital design



What rezoning means

Rezoning is a municipal process that regulates land use, density, and site layout:

- Sets vision for the VGH campus
- Parameters: land use, building height / density, parking and mobility, setbacks, open spaces
- Provides certainty for future planning



What rezoning does not mean

Rezoning is an important first step, but does not guarantee redevelopment

- Currently, no new redevelopment projects confirmed for the VGH campus.
- Future redevelopment projects on the VGH campus would require:
 - Business case
 - Engagement with staff, partners and community
 - BC Government review, approval and funding



Rezoning process

The VGH rezoning application will follow an established municipal process with additional opportunities for review and engagement.



This process does not finalize building designs but sets parameters like:

- Land use and general building locations
- Expected building heights and site density
- Parking and mobility requirements
- Setbacks from streets and property lines
- Open space and community considerations

Envisioning the future VGH campus

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Redeveloping a fully operational hospital takes time and care

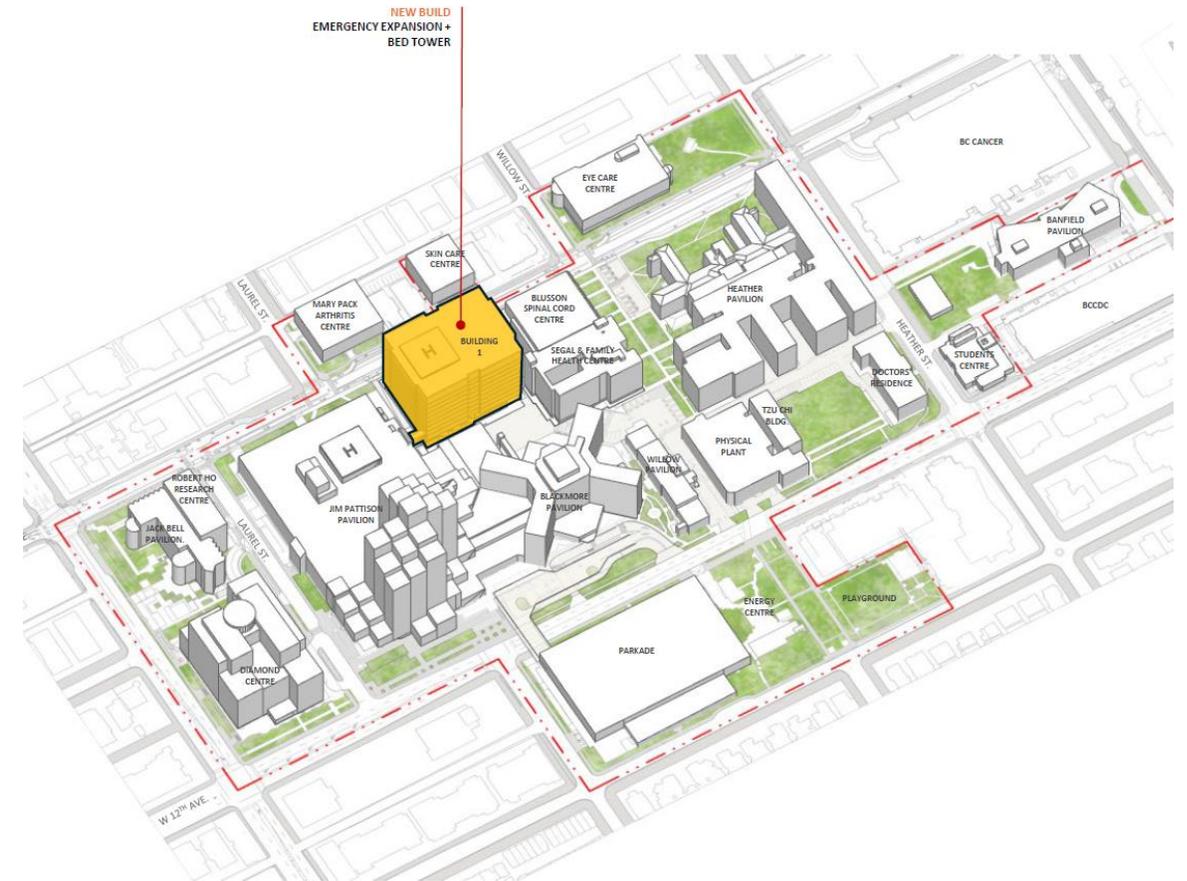
- Redevelopment of the hospital campus will be phased over several decades
- Delivery of safe, timely quality care will be maintained during redevelopment
- Key goals of redevelopment include:
 - Replacing older buildings to meet future health-care needs
 - Better land use with taller buildings
 - Open spaces and healing gardens
 - Improved mobility and wayfinding



Step 1: New emergency and inpatient building

New building on cleared site for expanded emergency and inpatient care

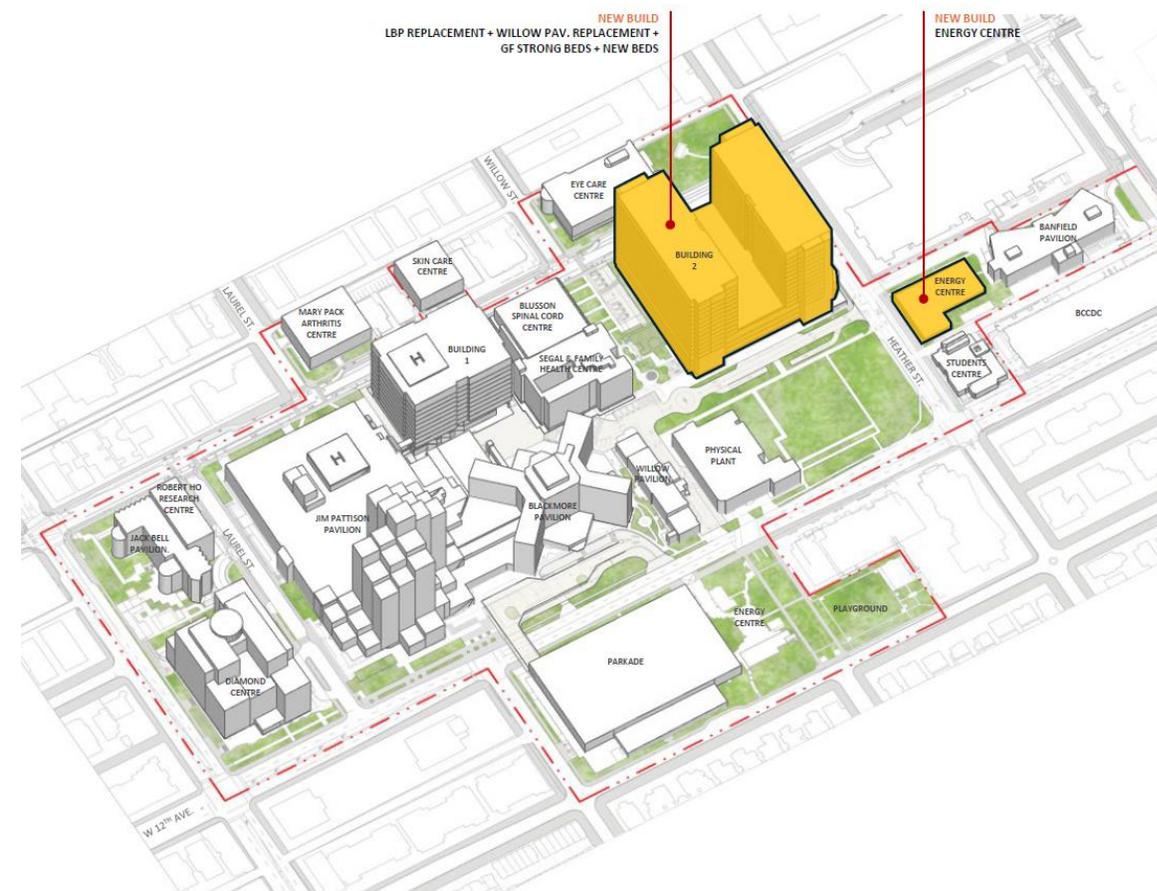
- Expand Emergency Department with bridge connection to existing Emergency Department
- Add inpatient bed units to increase critical capacity
- Multi-level underground parking
- Potential location for new rooftop helipad



Step 2: Northeastern site building

New building to replace Leon Blackmore Pavillion, Willow Pavillion, and add G.F. Strong inpatient beds

- Expands overall bed capacity on campus to meet future demand
- New loading dock and logistics hub to support hospital operations
- Multi-level basement parking
- New Energy Centre to supply campus' increased power demand
- Interim use: southern part of site to be landscaped as open space for community



Step 3: Southern site building

New acute care building to replace the Jim Pattison Pavilion and add inpatient beds, combining replacement and expansion

- Designed to connect with adjacent buildings, improving integrated care and campus circulation
- Multi-level basement parking will expand overall parking supply



We want to hear from you

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We want your feedback as we plan for the future of the VGH campus

- What do you value about the VGH campus today?
- How can this campus be more welcoming, inclusive and supportive of healing?
- Are there elements of the proposed redevelopment concept that you like? If so, what are they?
- Are there elements of the proposed redevelopment concept that you believe could be improved? If so, do you have suggestions on how they may be improved?

Vancouver General Hospital Redevelopment

We would like to acknowledge that our pieces of work and the Vancouver Coastal Health facilities are located within the traditional territories of the Halq'emej, K'waka'wakw, L'N'wax, Musqueam, N'Quatqua, Nuwakw, Samahquam, shishah, Skatin, Squamish, T'arawin, Tsleil-Waututh, Wukw'wukw, and Kari'axw.



Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) is preparing to submit a rezoning application for the Vancouver General Hospital (VGH) campus.

Vancouver General Hospital (VGH) plays a critical role in the provincial health-care system, serving some of the sickest and most complex patients in B.C.

The hospital provides emergency services, surgical services, intensive care, mental health, ambulatory or outpatient services, and more. In addition to caring for the local community, VGH serves as B.C.'s referral centre for many provincial programs and cares for patients requiring specialist services across the province, including solid organ transplant, spinal cord injury, trauma, burns, neurosurgery, and bone marrow transplant. VGH is also a teaching hospital affiliated with the University of British Columbia and home to one of the largest research institutes in Canada.

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Project Timeline

Open
This consultation is open for contributions.

FAQs

- What is a rezoning application?
- Does rezoning mean redevelopment is confirmed?
- Why does VGH need rezoning?
- How will feedback be used?
- How can I get involved?
- Will there be more opportunities to provide input?

How to provide input

Your input will help shape VCH's rezoning submission

Complete the online survey:
vch.ca/VGHredevelopment



PUBLIC FEEDBACK FORM

Public Feedback Form

Share your thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you live nearby, use the facility, or are simply interested in the redevelopment, this is your chance to share what's on your mind. Your feedback will help shape the planning process.

You will be submitting this survey as **CE Team**, in charge this [login](#)

All fields marked with an asterisk (*) are required

1. Tell us a little about yourself. Check those applicable to you. *

- I rent my home in the area
- I own my home in the area
- I live in the area
- I work in the area
- I access health-care services on the VGH campus
- I support / visit someone accessing health-care services on the VGH campus

2. Are there elements of the proposal that you like? If so, what are they? *

Thank you