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### **New Acute Care Tower at Lions Gate Hospital**

People on the North Shore deserve to know there's a modern, high-quality hospital facility available in their community if they or their loved ones ever find themselves needing acute care. That's why we are thrilled to share that main construction has officially started on the new acute care tower at Lions Gate Hospital.

This \$310 million provincial project was supported by a \$100-million community fundraising campaign led by Lions Gate Hospital Foundation, which includes a generous \$25 million donation by North Shore philanthropist Paul Myers.

The six-storey Paul Myers Tower will have eight operating rooms, a pre-operative and post-operative care area, including anesthesia intervention and isolation rooms. There will be 108 beds in 84 single rooms, all with ensuite washrooms.

### **A new Centre for Childhood Studies**

Having access to on-campus child care and state-of-the-art training facilities supports the next generation of young families to be successful. That's why the \$18.6-million Centre for Childhood Studies project is receiving a \$9.46 million provincial contribution to help create a 74-space child care centre on the ground floor along with purpose-built classrooms, student study space, and administrative space on the second floor for Capilano University's Early Childhood Care & Education programs.

We're going to need many more Early Childhood Educators as we continue our work to build out British Columbia's universal child care system. The Centre for Childhood Studies at Capilano University and the expansion of Early Childhood Educator programs throughout the province will benefit families, while also providing meaningful careers for students with a passion for nurturing and guiding our future generations.

### **Welcome, Handsworth Students!**

Since 2017, our government has invested billions of dollars in new and replacement schools, expansions, and to fast-track seismic upgrades to keep kids safe.

Handsworth Secondary students will be taking classes in their brand new replacement school this week. Argyle Secondary students also moved into a beautiful new school a year earlier.

Seismic upgrades at Mountainside Secondary are also anticipated to be complete this spring, granting North Vancouver School District the coveted status as one of the first school districts in the province to have had all seismic concerns fully addressed.

As we look forward into the future, however, it's clear that additional space is needed to address the growing enrollment of students in North Vancouver. MLA Bowinn Ma has been working on a new elementary school at the old Cloverley site for some time now and MLA Susie Chant is watching with interest the expansion plans unfolding within North Vancouver-Seymour. We'll be sure to provide updates as they become available.