



Proud partner in 'Partners in Caring' campaign

The Centre for Health Improvement EXPANSION PROJECT

Currently Mel Edwards Centre - Centennial Park



INTRO

The original Mel Edwards Centre was established through the partnership of key groups in the White Rock South Surrey community, working together to meet the needs of local residents requiring continued cardiac rehabilitation, after completing the four-month Peace Arch Hospital program.

- 2001- 7 month waiting list for cardiac rehabilitation

White Rock Leisure Services and Peace Arch Hospital Cardiac Rehab staff, discuss the feasibility of a community based cardiac rehab program.

White Rock South Surrey Community Foundation donates \$30,000 and the Peace Arch Hospital and Community Health Foundation, Kent Street Centre Executives and White Rock Firefighters donate an additional \$25,000.

Cardiac Rehab Centre is named Mel Edwards Centre, in honor of the late Mel Edwards, past treasurer of the White Rock South Surrey Community Foundation. Mel's passing was due to cardiac disease.

- 2004 - Mel Edwards Centre is at capacity and unable to meet the current cardiac rehabilitation needs of the White Rock South Surrey communities.

November 2004 - White Rock South Surrey Community Foundation commits to the expansion of the Mel Edwards Centre, now called "Centre for Health Improvement" [CHI] as the foundation's key fundraising project.

- 2005 - Steering Committee formed with representation from WRSSC Foundation, City of White Rock, Peace Arch Hospital & Community Health Foundation and Fraser Health, to identify the community's growing health needs for development within this centre.

October 2005 WRSSC Foundation commits \$35,000 with matching funds from the City of White Rock towards the development and planning phases of the CHI project.

WRSSC Foundation requests funding and project partnership from Peace Arch Hospital & Community Health Foundation.

- 2006 - tasks to complete include budgeting for programming, construction and operations.

March 2006, detailed Diabetic and Pulmonary programs completed. Architect's conceptual design/presentation drawings and construction budget completed.

May 2006, Fraser Health endorses the Centre for Health Improvement.

June 2006, Partnership formed with WRSSC Foundation, Peace Arch Hospital & Community Health Foundation, City of White Rock and Fraser Health to raise \$4.4 million to build CHI.

July 2006, White Rock City Council passes a motion supporting, the use of the land at Centennial Arena, to be owner/operator and a partner in fundraising.

Spring and Summer 2007, numerous presentations to clubs, corporations and groups for funding support.

- May 2007, Peace Arch Hospital & Community Health Foundation launches 'Partners in Caring' campaign with CHI as one of five projects in the campaign.

July 2007, WRSSC Foundation, Peace Arch Hospital & Community Health Foundation, and City of White Rock, combined, provide additional \$53,000 towards Architect for completion stages of CHI project

October 2007, CHI Steering Committee approves Architect, to continue with CHI project and to achieve final consensus from all partners, WRSSC Foundation, City of White Rock, Fraser Health Authority, Peace Arch Hospital & Community Health Foundation and user groups.

November 2007, WRSSC Foundation commits \$500,000 to the 'Partners in Caring' campaign for the Centre for Health Improvement

- February 9, 2008 - A unique partnership between Centre for Health Improvement and Peace Arch Curling Club is announced. Representatives from all levels of government and community foundations join together to announce the development of an integrated centre for health improvement and curling club. The unique project, first-of-its-kind in British Columbia, brings together funding from seven partners and combines two community projects, the Peace Arch Curling Club expansion and the Centre for Health Improvement project, resulting in a facility that is greater than the sum of its parts.



2004

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