

December 16, 2008

Her Worship Pamela Goldsmith-Jones & Councillors
Mayor of District of West Vancouver
750 - 17th Street
West Vancouver, BC V7V 3T3

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Dear Mayor Goldsmith-Jones and Councillors:

On behalf of the Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA), I would like to congratulate you on your recent election victory. As the health authority responsible for provincial, specialized health services, PHSA works closely with regional health authorities to ensure British Columbians have equitable access to specialized health services regardless of where they live in the province.

I am pleased to provide your council with the most recent update about collaborations between the Provincial Health Services Authority and Vancouver Coastal Health.

This publication highlights how our work together improves access to specialized health services for communities served by Vancouver Coastal Health. Some recent examples include:

- Monitoring trends in HIV and sexually transmitted infections with Vancouver Coastal Health and partners
- Renovating the pediatric ICU at BC Children's Hospital to benefit kids
- Redesigning BC Women's Hospital diagnostic ambulatory program to address emerging needs and volumes

Stakeholders tell us that these annual regional updates help them to understand the local and regional benefits of PHSA's partnerships with regional health authorities. I trust that this publication will assist you in providing members of your community with information about improvements to specialized health care in BC.

We welcome your council's feedback on whether this update is meeting your needs and have included a response form for this purpose. Should your council require additional copies or have any questions concerning PHSA's agencies or programs, please do not hesitate to contact Jeff Meerman, PHSA's liaison for municipalities. Jeff can be reached by e-mail at jmeerman@phsa.ca or by telephone at 604-675-7459.

Sincerely,



G.W. (Wynne) Powell FCGA, D. Tech (Hon.)
Board Chair

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