

## **PRESS RELEASE**

## ENHANCED PLANS SUBMITTED FOR DEVELOPMENT OF INGLEWOOD CARE CENTRE'S "CONTINUUM OF CARE"

**West Vancouver, B.C., May 7, 2021**: Baptist Housing's development permit application to revitalize the 58-year-old Inglewood Care Centre has been submitted to the District of West Vancouver for consideration.

The revitalization proposal, first brought forward by Baptist Housing last September, has since been further modified and enhanced following several months of public and other consultations. The changes include newly mandated infection control methods for residents developed by Vancouver Coastal Health, based on learnings from COVID-19.

New, affordable housing for West Vancouver's seniors in the Taylor Way Corridor is identified as a need according to West Vancouver's Official Community Plan. The range of housing proposed is one of many significant social, economic and environmental benefits that Inglewood's redevelopment will provide for the community.

As a non-profit organization, Baptist Housing reinvests all surplus dollars into charitable purposes for community benefit.

The aging 230-bed long-term care (LTC) centre at Inglewood is to be replaced with two new state-of-theart buildings in phase one, accommodating 240 LTC residents (230 funded by Vancouver Coastal Health, 10 private-pay LTC).

Residents in the new LTC buildings will be organized into "households of 12", each with their own common dining, living and activity areas. This model creates a more communal, and less institutional, feel. It also makes infection control protocols easier to implement during a time of viral outbreaks. Services for each household will be provided from a back of house access.

In subsequent phases, 72 additional private-pay LTC beds will be created along with 34 rental assisted living suites, 155 affordable rental housing suites for seniors and for team members who work at Inglewood, and 200 independent living suites for seniors.

This unique variety of housing options creates a "Continuum of Care" that enables seniors to live longterm on the same property in the kind of residence best suited to them, even if their housing needs change as they age.



Residents will be able to age within the same community, while remaining close to friends, family and enjoying amenities including a salon, café, town hall, bistro, dining room, gyms, activity rooms, walking paths and courtyards.

Additional modifications from the preliminary design include reducing the height of the new south LTC building along Burley Drive by two storeys, limiting vehicle access for the site to an entry from Inglewood Avenue and a new right-in right-out access on Taylor Way, improved walking access between the street and courtyard common areas, and protection of the neighbourhood's views.

Additional public information sessions are to be scheduled in coming weeks. District approval will allow Baptist Housing to begin work on the project valued at over \$500 million. Significant investments are anticipated to come from funding partners Baptist Housing (\$22M est.), Vancouver Coastal Health (capital & operating funding), BC Housing (\$15.5M est. grant & operating funding) and Federal Government (\$9M est. grant).

All surplus proceeds generated by the development of Residential Rental for Seniors life leases will be reinvested in the site to create greater affordability.

The Inglewood development permit application may be seen at https://www.baptisthousing.org/inglewoodredevelopment

## **About Baptist Housing**

As a non-profit faith organization, Baptist Housing has a rich history of serving seniors in British Columbia. Our first senior living community was built in Vancouver's Killarney neighbourhood in 1964. Today, we serve over 2750 residents supported by 2500 team members. Our 21 senior living communities offer Independent Living, Assisted Living, Long-Term Care and affordable housing for seniors in Vancouver, West Vancouver, Maple Ridge, Abbotsford, Victoria, Kelowna, White Rock, Salmon Arm and Armstrong.

For more information on the Inglewood Care Centre project and Baptist Housing, please visit <u>www.baptisthousing.org</u>

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