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JIM PATTISON OUTPATIENT CENTRE TO OPEN IN 100 DAYS

SURREY – Representatives from the Province and Fraser Health started a 100-day countdown to the opening of its newest health centre today by announcing a brand new name, launching a \$10-million fundraising campaign by the Surrey Memorial Hospital Foundation.

The new centre will be named the Jim Pattison Outpatient Care and Surgery Centre to honour noted British Columbian entrepreneur Jim Pattison, who is donating \$5 million toward the foundation's new "100 Days to Give" campaign.

"This is an exciting milestone in health-care delivery here in Surrey," said Surrey-Tynehead MLA Dave S. Hayer, on behalf of Health Services Minister Colin Hansen. "The new \$237-million Outpatient Care and Surgery Centre will take a holistic, patient-centered approach to care. It is wonderful to see this facility receive the support and recognition of leaders in our community."

Scheduled to open this June, the new Jim Pattison Outpatient Care and Surgery Centre will be unique in offering day surgery, diagnostic procedures (such as lab, X-ray, CT and MRI scans, and biopsies) and specialized health programs all within one building. The centre is increasing health-care capacity for residents in Surrey and across the Lower Mainland. Further investment in the Outpatient Care and Surgery Centre is not only creating a better health system for today, but a sustainable future to meet the needs of the rapidly growing community in Surrey and surrounding areas.

Following Jim Pattison's announcement, the Surrey Memorial Hospital Foundation launched its "100 Days to Give" campaign to match Pattison's \$5-million donation by June 1, when the new centre is scheduled to open. The total \$10 million in donations will provide more resources, equipment and technology to enhance quality of care and attract leading physicians and clinicians to work at the new outpatient centre and at Surrey Memorial Hospital.

"This region has seen such tremendous development in recent years," noted Pattison. "I am pleased to be able to join this community effort to attract new doctors by purchasing medical equipment."

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“Coast Capital is committed to investing in innovation within our communities, and this centre is going to add great benefit,” said Coast Capital Savings president and CEO Tracy Redies, who is also a Surrey Memorial Hospital Foundation board member. “We have contributed \$500,000 to the campaign and I am looking to other Fraser Valley businesses to step up and demonstrate the importance of private sector support for health care.”

The Outpatient Care and Surgery Centre was developed to deliver the right care in the best place for the patient. “By consolidating outpatient services together within one building, we are not only providing better service for our patients, but we can also provide faster diagnosis, reduced wait times and improved health outcomes,” said Dr. Nigel Murray, president and CEO of Fraser Health. “This new centre is an example of how Fraser Health is taking innovative steps to re-engineer how we deliver services. We are really excited to open our doors to the public this June.”

Part of the 100-day countdown announcement included the launch of a video about the health services to be available at the Jim Pattison Outpatient Care and Surgery Centre and the start of “a fact-a-day” about the Centre on Fraser Health’s website, www.fraserhealth.ca. As a regional facility, residents of the entire Lower Mainland will be able to access and benefit from its services. Outpatients are individuals who receive medical care or treatment, including surgery, but do not require an overnight stay in a hospital.

Funding for capital projects provided by the Province is in addition to the more than \$2 billion provided to Fraser Health by the Province each year to meet the health-care needs in the region’s rapidly-growing communities. In addition, a new emergency department and critical care tower for Surrey Memorial Hospital is commencing construction this year. The emergency department is expected to open in 2013, with the tower component anticipated to open in 2014.

The Jim Pattison Outpatient Care and Surgery Centre is a public-private partnership between Fraser Health and BC Healthcare Solutions (BCHS). BCHS is responsible for the design, building, financing and maintenance of the facility. Fraser Health will retain ownership of the facility and provide all health and medical services.

Over the next three years, British Columbia’s health-care system will benefit from investments such as new medical equipment and modernized health facilities as part of a \$2.5-billion health sector capital plan.

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