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Subject: Embargoed until 10 AM: Upcoming news release: New Sunset Seniors Centre opens, expanding programs and support for South Vancouver seniors

Dear Mayor and Council,

The City will be issuing the below news release this morning announcing the opening of Sunset Seniors Centre in South Vancouver. This facility is a new addition to the existing Sunset Community Centre. Please keep this news release **embargoed until it goes live from the City's email account tomorrow morning at 10 AM.**

Chris will reply to this email with the relevant Vancouver.ca link and social media links, once these are live.

Thanks,

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News release

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New Sunset Seniors Centre opens, expanding programs and support for South Vancouver seniors

Seniors in South Vancouver will have expanded access to programs and social connection with the

opening of the new Sunset Seniors Centre.

The purpose-built space adds more than 11,000 square feet of accessible programming space to the Sunset Community Centre and is designed to support healthy aging and create opportunities for seniors to stay active and engaged in their community.

The new centre includes a Class 1 commercial kitchen suitable for catering or public meal service, along with multipurpose rooms that will host fitness classes, social programs and community gatherings.

Designed to meet Passive House standards, the building is also targeting LEED Gold and Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification Gold, supporting the City's climate and accessibility goals.

Located at 6810 Main St., the \$16.1 million community-guided project was made possible through a \$10.6 million grant from the federal government and \$5.5 million in capital funding from the City of Vancouver. The centre will be jointly operated by the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation and the Sunset Community Centre Association.

"The Sunset Seniors Centre is an important investment in that supports health, well-being and connection for seniors in Vancouver," said Vancouver Mayor Ken Sim "Designed with the community in mind and built to high accessibility standard, this project reflects our commitment to creating inclusive spaces that support people at every stage of life."

"Today is a great day for South Vancouver and for the community members whose tireless advocacy made this new seniors centre possible. After years of hearing how essential a space like this would be, we worked with partners to turn that vision into reality. The Sunset Seniors Centre will provide a host of programs that foster connection, promote active living, and strengthen community ties for generations to come," said The Honourable Gregor Robertson, Minister of Housing and Infrastructure and Minister responsible for Pacific Economic Development Canada.

"The Sunset Seniors Centre is a wonderful addition to this community," said Tom Digby, Chair of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation. "This welcoming space will help older adults stay active, engaged, and connected. We're proud to work with our partners to create places where seniors feel supported and experience a strong sense of belonging."

"The opening of the Sunset Seniors Centre is a proud milestone for South Vancouver and a powerful example of what can be achieved through collaboration between community and government partners," said Bhalwinder Singh Waraich, President of the Sunset Community Association. "This long-awaited facility will provide seniors with a welcoming place to connect, stay active, access programs, and build community. This is more than a building; it is a promise that in our city, seniors will always be seen, supported, and valued."

The opening of Sunset Seniors Centre follows several years of community planning and collaboration and responds to growing demand for dedicated seniors' spaces in South Vancouver.

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