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Ground-breaking Ceremony Marks Milestone for Little Mountain Redevelopment

VANCOUVER, BC – Today, Holborn Properties Ltd. breaks ground on the new City of Vancouver-owned building that will provide 48 units of social housing. This significant milestone of the Little Mountain redevelopment project is the result of proactive steps taken by the current City Council, ending 15 years of inaction on this key project.

"This ground-breaking highlights our commitment to building inclusive communities with diverse housing options for families of all income levels," says Mayor Ken Sim. "This redevelopment is proof of what can be achieved when government and home builders work together and remove barriers to get housing built."

Last fall, following recommendations from City staff and BC Housing, City Council made the proactive decision to remove the occupancy permit hold on the Little Mountain redevelopment project. This allowed Holborn to secure the necessary financing, with the understanding that the social housing requirement would still be fulfilled. Before this bold decision, the 6.2-hectare lot sat mostly vacant for more than a decade and a half.

Located in an area recognized for its high proportion of young families, this City-owned building will not only provide essential affordable housing units, but will also accommodate the new Little Mountain Neighbourhood House. This 69-space childcare facility will serve as a vital support for local young families.

"The Little Mountain redevelopment is a testament to our shared vision for inclusive urban development that prioritizes social responsibility alongside economic growth," says Joo Kim Tiah, CEO of Holborn Properties. "Together with the City of Vancouver, we're creating hubs of opportunity where everyone can thrive."

The collaboration between the City of Vancouver, BC Housing, and Holborn Properties Ltd. reflects City Council's dedication to expanding social housing and building more homes faster. With construction expected to be completed by late spring 2026, the City of Vancouver eagerly anticipates the positive impact this redevelopment will undoubtedly have on the Little Mountain community.

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