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## SEASPAN MAKE MAJOR DONATION TO LIONS GATE HOSPITAL



**North Vancouver, B.C.** A \$2.65 million gift from Seaspan North Vancouver and the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation to Lions Gate Hospital will have a major impact on critical and virtual care services across the North Shore and beyond.

A portion of the donation – \$1.5 million – has been directed to the Foundation’s Critical Care Campaign. Thanks to this significant gift, the Foundation has surpassed its goal to raise \$9.4 million to build the specialist unit which is expected to treat up to 1,400 seriously-ill patients a year.

Judy Savage, President and CEO of LGH Foundation says: “We are extremely grateful for this timely contribution from Seaspan and the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation. There has never been a greater need for critical care services in our community and this donation ensures that Lions Gate Hospital can move forward with the project that will provide advanced care to patients with complex and challenging health issues. Their generosity will make a difference in people’s lives for many years to come.”

The new unit will feature 12 single patient rooms equipped with the latest monitoring and support equipment. It will also be staffed by specialized critical care staff.

Demolition work has just started on the second floor at LGH and the project is expected to be completed in early 2022.

The Seaspan gift also includes a \$1.15 million investment in virtual care that will enable LGH to improve access to services for patients across the North Shore, the Sea-to-Sky communities of Squamish, Whistler, and Pemberton, the Sunshine Coast communities of Sechelt, Powell River and the rural communities of Bella Bella and Bella Coola, through video visits, home health monitoring, and secure messaging as well as the adoption of new virtual health platforms.

“This commitment is a direct reflection of who we are and what we strive to be as an engaged, supportive and committed company to our employees and to our community,” says Mark Lamarre, CEO Seaspan Shipyards.

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*Established in 1987, Lions Gate Hospital Foundation is the fundraising arm of the hospital. In the past eight years, the Foundation has raised more than \$224 million to support the purchase of new medical equipment, facility upgrades, staff education and research.*

*Successful projects include raising \$100 million to build a new high-tech Medical & Surgical Centre; the \$2.3 million North Shore Hospice expansion project to build BC's first palliative care hub and the opening of The HOpe Centre, the \$26.5 million facility that has transformed the provision of youth and adult mental health services on the North Shore.*

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