

Re-Development Project and We All Belong Capital Campaign Update February 2020

We are writing to update you on our re-development project and our We All Belong Capital Campaign.

2020 will be a very busy and significant year in the history of L'Arche Greater Vancouver. Over the next six months, we anticipate moving from our current location that we have occupied for more than 45 years, to a number of different interim locations to meet the needs of our residents, day programs, administration, and meeting spaces. This means preparing our community for the move, packing up, and saying goodbye to our cherished home. We anticipate a mixture of excitement and sadness as we release our home to make way for a grander one!



Current L'Arche building at 7401 Sussex

Our plans for relocation changed unexpectedly in January and so we continue to look for suitable accessible spaces for one of our homes and our community inclusion programs. If you know of any possibilities, please let us know!

L'Arche Building Project Update



New L'Arche building schematic at 7401 Sussex

The L'Arche Project Team – CitySpaces Consulting, and Townline Housing Solutions – are working together to advance the project through various approval processes. The project timeline (see below) has been updated to reflect the current status of BC Housing reviews and City of Burnaby permit approvals. The complexity of this project continues to result in extensions to the timeline to meet requirements for building permits and demolition.

Current project timeline:

TIMELINE	WORK PLANNED
JANUARY – JULY 2020	PRE-DEMOLITION
February	Building permit submission
March	Achieve rezoning – 3 rd City Council reading
July	Complete relocation of residents and staff
JULY – OCTOBER 2020	DEMOLITION AND TENDERING
July – September	Hazmat abatement and demolition (condition of 4 th reading)
September	Achieve rezoning – 4 th and final City Council reading
September / October	Final costing and tendering
September / October	Building permit issuance
OCTOBER 2020 – APRIL 2022	CONSTRUCTION (18 months)
SPRING 2022	BUILDING OCCUPANCY

Recently, we had a time of reflection together on what is important to us as a community in the transition years during construction. It was a rich experience with lots of creative ideas and a deep commitment to be intentional about our community life during this period.

We believe this new building will be a legacy that deepens our collective belief that a caring community is essential for all people. We anticipate this project will have an impact in other ways as well. The challenges of bringing together the L'Arche homes, programming, administration, amenity spaces, and 29 units of affordable housing into one building has demanded that we find creative solutions to address various complexities. These include competing building codes, CRA requirements, and environmental concerns to name a few.



One illustration from our Community reflection

We All Belong Capital Campaign

Our We All Belong Capital Campaign was publicly launched in April 2019. To date, thanks to our many generous and loyal donors, and a recent gift of \$250,000, we are excited to announce **we have secured donations and pledges of almost \$10 million** from individuals and local and provincial governments. Proposals are being developed for an additional \$3 million in grants.

One of our biggest challenges has been introducing ourselves to those who are not aware of L'Arche, even though we have been in the Lower Mainland for over four decades. Meeting new people and sharing about L'Arche and our unique project has been a truly rewarding experience.

Our plan for 2020 is to continue sharing our dream with prospective donors. For those who have not yet visited L'Arche, we are prioritizing visits to our current building before demolition. By doing so, we believe people will more fully appreciate both the need for redevelopment and the wonderful opportunities that an expanded community will provide.

We recognize that we are creating something much more than simply a structure made of bricks and mortar. We are sharing a value system that declares that our communities are richer, stronger, and healthier when we recognize people's individual uniqueness and create opportunities for them to share their gifts.

Thank you for your interest in this project and for joining us in this extraordinary journey. We look forward to what lies ahead. If you have questions, please contact either of us at the email addresses below or call Sig Stark at 604-435-9544 ext. 35.

With gratitude,

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