
BACKGROUND

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DIAMOND CENTRE – A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

- Private sector involvement in health-care and public-facility delivery is not new. For example, health authorities often lease space in privately owned buildings to deliver community care and outpatient specialty programs, and the private sector has always designed and built hospitals.
- The Gordon and Leslie Diamond Health Care Centre is the first major public-private partnership to be opened in British Columbia, the result of a partnership agreement between Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) and Access Health Vancouver and has added value to health-care resources in Vancouver to meet VCH's health-service delivery needs.
- Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) will make annual payments over 30 years to lease the facility and then will have ownership of the building at the end of 30 years, at no additional cost.
- Vancouver Coastal Health started paying for the facility once construction was completed, protecting the taxpayer against added costs during the construction phase.
- With construction complete, Access Health Vancouver assumes the role of facility manager.
- Further benefits of the partnership include:
 - Payments are performance-based to an agreed-upon standard of facilities management and maintenance.
 - Project risks such as design flaws, cost overruns and schedule delays have been transferred to the private sector.
 - Cost savings were achieved by combining design, construction, financing and facilities management and maintenance under one 30-year agreement.

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