

## **The opening of a Francophone Community Health Center in Vancouver**

**Vancouver, June 15, 2024** - It is with great pride that RésoSanté Colombie-Britannique's board joins the Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Health and Minister Responsible for Francophone Affairs, in announcing the opening of the first Francophone Community Health Center (FCHC) in British Columbia, scheduled for October 2024. This new institution offers quality and accessible health services in French, and represents an important step for the province's Francophone community.

"This is an historic moment for all francophones in British Columbia. We are proud to have collaborated with Minister Dix, the Ministry of Health, and Vancouver Coastal Health to bring the francophone community health centre to reality. This centre will ensure that anyone who wishes to access health-care services in French will be able to do so in a timely manner, and in a culturally safe environment." **Brian Conway, President of RésoSanté C.-B.**

Located at 2025 West Broadway in Vancouver, the FCHC will be accessible to Greater Vancouver's entire population, in order to cater to the specific needs of Francophones in the region. A team of qualified bilingual professionals (French/English) will be available to all patients to ensure personalized, inclusive, and culturally adapted care. The services offered will focus on primary healthcare including consultations with family doctors, nursing care, and social support services.

The coming about of this health center is the result of years of work by multiple stakeholders, including the Ministry of Health of British Columbia, the Ministry of Francophone Affairs of British Columbia, Health Canada via the Société Santé en Français, and regional health authority Vancouver Coastal Health.

"As our province welcomes more newcomers from French-language speaking countries and other Canadian jurisdictions, demand for patient-centred care also increases. That's why we're taking significant action to strengthen primary care across the province, including establishing the province's first community health centre that offers primary care services in French." **The Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Health and Minister Responsible for Francophone Affairs.**

### **About RésoSanté C.-B.**

RésoSanté C.-B. is the preferred contact organization of the provincial Ministry of Health for the health of the Francophone community. RésoSanté C.-B. supports the development, integral access, and the consistency of health services in French across British Columbia. To do so, the organization works in close collaboration with its network to connect various stakeholders involved in healthcare to better serve the Francophone community of British Columbia, in French.

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