

## Construction complete for The Crossing in Keremeos

The renovations are complete, staff are in place, and the first clients are embarking on their journey towards wellness at The Crossing in Keremeos, announced the Province, Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, and the Central City Foundation today at a special event marking the completion of construction at BC's first long-term residential treatment centre for youth, boys and girls, challenged by addiction.



"I'm honoured to help mark this important milestone – the official opening of The Crossing in Keremeos – but also to recognize the remarkable vision and commitment of the donors, partners and volunteers who helped move this project from dream to reality," said Boundary-Similkameen MLA John Slater, who attended the event on behalf of Minister of Health Services Kevin Falcon. "With their support, this facility will provide treatment and hope for young people from across our province."

The Crossing is a 42-bed facility set on a stunning 58-acre site approximately 10 kilometres from Keremeos, BC. Central City Foundation owns the property and is leasing it to the health authorities at no cost. The Crossing will operate with \$2.4 million in annual funding from the two health authorities. Interior Health will provide urgent or emergent medical services required by the residents of the facility.

"We feel enormously proud of the effort the Foundation has put forward," said Jennifer Johnstone, Central City Foundation President and Chief Executive Officer. "Far more important, we're deeply thankful to all those who gave so much to make The Crossing possible. Our success is truly based on their commitment."