

Major New Funding for Centrepont Capital campaign now needs just \$600,000

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Today Sea to Sky Community Services (1) has received a large investment towards Centrepont (2). The Governments of Canada and BC are investing \$2.8 million in the new social services building (3).

With today's support, Sea to Sky Community Services has just \$600,000 left to raise of its \$3 million capital campaign.

"We're so grateful for the support shown by the provincial and federal governments. Their strong commitment to Centrepont means that we are able to build more affordable housing than we originally envisioned – 32 apartments now rather than the original eight," says Lois Wynne, executive director, Sea to Sky Community Services.

"A core part of our charitable mission is to provide affordable housing. We're grateful that this government investment helps us to reach our mission," says Tracey Kliesch, president, Sea to Sky Community Services.

"What a great step forward for the capital campaign, and for the community. We're confident we'll soon reach our capital campaign target, which will mean that community members have more and better help available to them in their time of need," says Owen Carney, co-chair of the volunteer fundraising team (4).

Centrepont construction is expected to be completed by summer 2017.

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Notes to editors

(1) Sea to Sky Community Services is one of the most impactful charities in the Corridor, strengthening communities and individuals through an unmatched breadth of vital programs, helping people through a crisis and with everyday challenges. The organization offers more than 40 programs, helping thousands of people a year, in the areas of childcare, child development, parenting and family development, youth services,

Community Living (for children with special needs and adults with developmental disabilities), counselling, assistance and affordable housing. www.sscs.ca

(3) Centrepoint is a planned new building on the corner of Fourth Avenue and Victoria Street in downtown Squamish. The project is a partnership between Sea to Sky Community Services and Squamish United Church, where the church is donating the land for Centrepoint. While this is a collaborative partnership, the two organizations are running separate fundraising campaigns and, once Centrepoint is built, will continue to operate separately and run separate programs.

Centrepoint will contain community rooms, a preschool, programming rooms for a wide range of social services, a floor of affordable housing and office spaces. This project also includes the construction of a new church for Squamish United. An image of Centrepoint is available upon request.

(3) This investment is being made through the Canada-B.C. Agreement for Investment in Affordable Housing.

(4) Sea to Sky Community Services' capital campaign to build Centrepoint has received leadership gifts from the Whistler Blackcomb Foundation, Squamish Savings - a division of Vancity, and the District of Squamish. A team of volunteers is leading the fundraising efforts, with Owen and Anne Carney as co-chairs.

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