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Richmond Gursikh temple demonstrates community service with transformational gift to Richmond Hospital

Nanaksar Gurdwara Gursikh Temple donates \$1.3 million for new Acute Care Tower in Richmond

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Richmond, B.C. Richmond Gursikh temple is demonstrating their commitment and service to community with a transformational gift of \$1.3 million in support of a new Acute Care Tower at Richmond Hospital.

“We thank Maharaj Ji and all of the members of the temple for being champions for the new Acute Care Tower, bringing the future of local health care one step closer to us all,” said Dr. Aleco Alexiadis, Co-Senior Medical Director, Richmond Hospital. “A new Acute Care Tower will allow the optimal care for patients that physicians and surgeons hope for – care that ensures dignity and respect in a new facility that’s innovative and designed to meet the needs of the rapidly growing number of seniors requiring complex care in Richmond.”

“We all rely on our local hospital during our days on this earth. It’s a common need that unites us all,” said Gary S. Berar, spokesperson and temple member. “A tenet of our Gursikh faith is selfless service to improve the community for the benefit and prosperity of all. It is our sincere hope that our Temple’s donation towards a new Acute Care Tower for Richmond will inspire others to join us to improve local health care for everyone.”

“Today we are honoured to witness the generosity of an inclusive community with deep roots in Richmond, committed to improving the health of all,” said Natalie Meixner, President and CEO, Richmond Hospital Foundation. “We are incredibly grateful to Maharaj Ji and all of the members of the Nanaksar Gurdwara Gursikh Temple for their leadership, devotion and genuine love of others in Richmond.”

Richmond Hospital urgently needs a new Acute Care Tower to replace the original hospital tower, which opened in 1966. Last year on March 29, the Province announced the launch of the Business Plan by Vancouver Coastal Health, which will determine the size and scope of the new facility as well as cost.

About Nanaksar Gurdwara Gursikh Temple:

Gurdwaras are a place of worship and gathering for members of the Gursikh faith. The Nanaksar Gurdwara Gursikh Temple was established in Richmond in 1979 by His Holiness Sant Baba Mihan Singh Ji. They were cared for and left their body at Richmond Hospital in 1994. The Nanaksar Gurdwara Gursikh Temple is located in Richmond on Westminster Hwy between No. 8 and No. 9 roads. Its congregation numbers in the thousands, and members of the public regardless of faith are always welcomed.

About Richmond Hospital Foundation:

Over 30 years, Richmond Hospital Foundation has raised over \$80 million to help purchase vital medical equipment, improve patient care services and upgrade facilities at Richmond Hospital and our community of care in Richmond.

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