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City of Richmond Mayor & Council receive Richmond Hospital Foundation Community Cares Award

**Leadership of City of Richmond Mayor and Council inspires launch
of Richmond Hospital Foundation's Community Cares Month
to improve local health care**

Richmond, B.C. – Richmond Hospital Foundation today presented its annual Community Cares Award to the City of Richmond Mayor & Council for helping to champion the need for a new Acute Care Tower. The annual award is presented to those who have demonstrated outstanding leadership that has helped Richmond Hospital Foundation reach out to our diverse and growing community.

"Local health care is a cherished Canadian value, and a matter of great urgency in Richmond. We commend Mayor Malcolm Brodie and each and every Councillor for their outstanding leadership and for going beyond the call of duty to help make local health care a priority in Richmond," says Natalie Meixner, President & CEO, Richmond Hospital Foundation.

"The need for a new Acute Care Tower at Richmond Hospital is our community's highest priority," says Dr. Richard Chan, Head of Emergency Medicine, Richmond Hospital. "We are grateful to the Mayor and Council for their unwavering leadership and strong voice to speak out and champion the need for a new Acute Care Tower at Richmond Hospital."

The original hospital tower at Richmond Hospital, built in 1966, is now more than 50 years old and is seismically unstable, obsolete and rated as 79% deficient. It is also unable to accommodate the exponential growth in Richmond, including the fastest growing seniors population in all of British Columbia.

The leadership of the City of Richmond Mayor and Council serve as inspiration for today's official launch of Richmond Hospital Foundation's Annual Community Cares Month. Community Cares Month is a month-long series of events and promotion that reaches into the Richmond community. With numerous fundraising events in the community and promotion in English, Cantonese and Mandarin, Community Cares Month unites members of our diverse community for a common cause—to improve local patient care at Richmond Hospital.

Over 30 years, Richmond Hospital Foundation has raised nearly \$75 million to help purchase vital medical equipment, improve patient care services and upgrade facilities at Richmond Hospital.

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