

## AN URBAN RENEWAL

It has been confirmed that St. Paul's Hospital will remain in downtown Vancouver

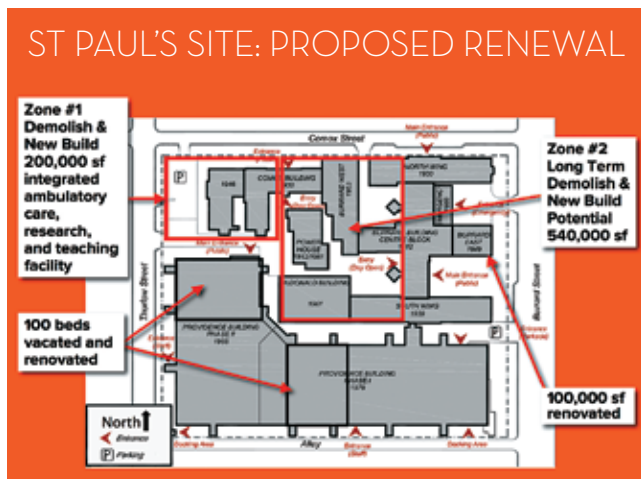
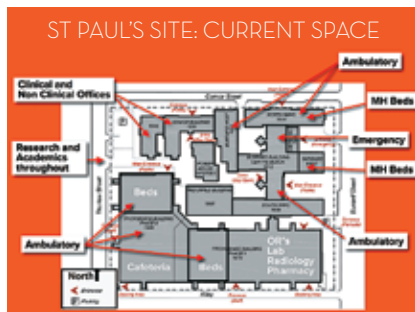
The people of British Columbia now know that they will benefit from leading care, research and teaching at St. Paul's Hospital for years to come – and they'll continue doing so at the familiar location St. Paul's has occupied for 115 years.

The future of St. Paul's Hospital, and the possible relocation of its services, had been the subject of public discussion for several years. However, Minister of Health Services Kevin Falcon recently put all speculation to rest by confirming that the hospital will stay at its current location in the heart of downtown Vancouver.

"We are focusing our investment plan for the existing St. Paul's Hospital and their existing lands," said Falcon in a July interview with *Business in Vancouver*. "That's opposed to a wholesale relocation, or a relocation of a significant chunk of what takes place at St. Paul's, down to the False Creek Flats site."

### MULTI-PHASE DEVELOPMENT

With the hospital's location finally settled, St. Paul's Hospital Foundation is



St. Paul's Hospital will continue to serve the community from the downtown location it has occupied for over a century.

looking forward to partnering in plans to renew the hospital's facilities and keep it on the cutting edge of care, research and teaching. While redevelopment plans have not been finalized with the Ministry of Health Services, Providence Health Care (PHC), which operates St. Paul's, is working with its partners in developing its concept plan for the hospital.

The proposed plan will take a phased approach to prevent disruptions of operations. For the first phase, PHC recommends building a state-of-the-art integrated ambulatory care, research and teaching facility on the northwest corner of the current site, at Comox and

Thurlow Streets (see Zone 1 in diagram). The facility will consolidate diverse clinics in a purpose-built environment, with a focus on outpatient and same-day and short-stay medical and surgical services.

These clinics are currently

spread throughout the hospital's acute care buildings, based on program and available space. Consolidating them in a single building will yield significant efficiencies by eliminating duplication of diagnostics and increase in-patient bed capacity by more effectively treating medical conditions that can be managed without hospital admission.

Once the integrated ambulatory care, research and teaching facility is constructed, PHC proposes renovating the vacated space and beginning construction on the next phase of the renewal (see Zone 2 in diagram), with the potential to construct new buildings at a later date.

"We are embarking on an exciting time for St. Paul's Hospital," says Stephen Shapiro, president and CEO of St. Paul's Hospital Foundation. "The renewal planning process, and the knowledge that the hospital has a bright future ahead, will give fresh momentum to everything we do in the coming years."

See future issues of *Promise* for updates on the renewal plans as we enter this exciting new era at St. Paul's Hospital.

*Note: Illustrations represent preliminary plans only and are subject to change.*