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LANGLEY YOUTH RESOURCE CENTRE ANNOUNCED

Langley youth will soon have a safe place to call their own.

Rich Coleman, Minister of Natural Gas Development and Minister Responsible for Housing, joined Township of Langley Mayor Jack Froese, representatives from Encompass Support Services and the Langley School District, local students, and several other community partners on February 9 to announce the creation of a new Langley Youth Resource Centre.

The centre, to be built at 20285 – 62 Avenue and completed by July 2017, will feature five beds and a Youth Hub. It will give young people a safe place to gather and call their own, where they can have access to shelter, food, medical services, counselling, and other resources.

“This will be a place for all youth, to help put them on the right path in life and give them the guidance and support they need so they will grow up to be thriving, healthy adults,” said Froese. “As parents, and as a community, that is what we want most for our youth. We all know it takes a village to raise a child, and there are so many people and organizations involved in this project, and so many to thank.”

The Langley Youth Resource Centre is a community project inspired by local youth, and made possible by various levels of government, community organizations, partners, and contributors. The Township of Langley provided the land, valued at about \$450,000; the Province is contributing \$355,000; and Langley School District’s Youth Homelessness Task Force contributed \$18,000.

During the announcement, special tribute was paid to Township of Langley Councillor Charlie Fox for his efforts to make the new centre a reality.