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GROUND BROKEN FOR NEW LANGLEY YOUTH RESOURCE CENTRE

A place where Langley youth can find support, resources, and shelter will soon be a reality.

On June 20, ground was broken at 20285 – 62 Avenue for the new Langley Youth Resource Centre. A community project inspired by local youth, the Centre is being created by various levels of government, community organizations, partners, and contributors.

The facility will feature five beds, provide access to a variety of services and programs, and will serve as the new home for the Langley Youth Hub, run by Encompass Support Services Society.

“With this new Centre, youth will have a safe place to call their own, where they can get shelter, food, medical services, counselling, and the support they need to help them be healthy and thrive,” said Township of Langley Mayor Jack Froese. “For years, this project has been a dream for many people – including the youth themselves – who worked tirelessly to see it come true. With work now starting on the site, it is wonderful to know the doors will soon be open to welcome and care for Langley’s vulnerable young people.”

As previously announced in February 2017, the Province is providing approximately \$355,000 for the project through BC Housing, and the Township of Langley has provided the land, which is valued at about \$450,000. Initial funding of \$18,000 was raised by local students who continue to raise funds through a youth homelessness task force operated by the Langley School District.

Loren Roberts, Director of Operations and Organizational Development for Encompass Support Services Society, noted that funding and support is still needed to enhance the over \$200,000 of in-kind programming offered by partner agencies. To contribute, visit langleyyouthhub.com or contact Encompass Support Services Society.

Shelter Modular is providing the custom-made structure, which is being made off-site, and the new Langley Youth Resource Centre is scheduled to open in the fall of 2017.