

STORY SNAPSHOT

The team at Pender Harbour Health Centre have been part of the fabric of the region for over 40 years, evolving and growing over time to provide high-quality community-based health and social services.

Because it is owned by a non-profit society, the Pender Harbour Health Centre building and land can offer many health services free of charge, filling important gaps for people with barriers to care.

As a remote rural community without any public transit options, the Pender Harbour Health Centre team plays a vital role by offering local nursing, urgent care, home care, lab services, and wellness programs.

Generous support from the local community makes the work of the Pender Harbour Health Centre possible, but stable funds are needed to meet the growing demand for low-barrier care.

PENDER HARBOUR HEALTH CENTRE

Building a legacy of community-centred health for future generations of Pender Harbour residents.



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Pender Harbour Health Centre has served the Pender Harbour community since 1976, operating as a **community-governed organization in a community-owned space that houses an interdisciplinary team striving to be the initial point of contact for local health services.**



Offering iab services, urgent care, home care nursing, ambulatory care, doctor's services, dental, and a range of specialists.

The people of Pender Harbour face many barriers to accessing health and social services, including a lack of public transit in the region. The Pender Harbour Health Centre team is **picking up the slack to reduce social isolation and health inequities, but they are at capacity and additional resources are needed to grow the team and their interdisciplinary work.**

A range of services are offered including



- Public health
- Psychiatry and mental health
- Massage therapy
- Chiropractor
- Aging in Place program
- Adult Day program for seniors
- Women's Wellness programs



Setting

- Madeira Park, British Columbia



Key characteristics

- Serves local residents and visitors who would otherwise need to travel for health care
- Governed and owned by the local community
- Co-located health care professionals and community organizations
- Partners with governments & social services

The Centre offers residents a local place to access services, and by co-locating health care professionals and community-based organizations, the **collaborative team bridges the gap between medical care and the social services and programs people need to achieve well-being.**



The team is already making an invaluable impact through the support of the local community, and there is **so much potential to expand the services that are offered at Pender Harbour Health Centre.** Long-term, stable support would allow for fewer gaps in service availability and fewer people forced to travel off coast for care.

Community Health Centres like **Pender Harbour Health Centre** play a vital role in closing the gaps in health and social services to their community residents, and the team deserves stable support.

Support Community Health Centres in British Columbia.