



# BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund Building

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## CONCERT PROPERTIES DONATES \$750 THOUSAND IN SERVICES TO THE FIRST BURN FUND BUILDING IN NORTH AMERICA

**VANCOUVER** — Concert and its staff have joined with British Columbia's Professional Fire Fighters to provide services to develop and manage their \$25 million Burn Fund Building project.

A first in North America, The Burn Fund Building will contain suites for burn survivors and their families, an interactive, multi-media educational/resource component, and a research facility for clinical trials in burn and wound healing. Located in central Vancouver, the building's first cornerstone will be dedicated during the British Columbia 2009 World Police & Fire Games.

"Our staff believes we can turn the Burn Fund's great vision for a building into a reality," says David Podmore, President & CEO, Concert Properties Ltd. "They are excited to volunteer their time and expertise to be part of this innovative development and the project is a perfect fit with what Concert is as a company. Giving back to the community and caring about people is part of the fabric of Concert. We are always trying to align with new projects that can make society better."

The British Columbia Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund is leading the way in many aspects of burn survivor care and fire and burn prevention programs.

"The construction of the Burn Fund Building is the logical next step in the advancement of care for burn, plastic and trauma patients," says Tony Burke, Executive Director of the BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund, and Chair of the Burn Fund Building Project.

"With Concert Properties as our project managers, we know that their expertise will help create an iconic building which can be identified as the recognizable expression of the Burn Fund. The Building is a way that our Professional Fire Fighters can leave a lasting legacy for the citizens and burn survivors of our province."

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## **About Concert Properties**

Concert is an award-winning diversified real estate enterprise involved in developing and acquiring commercial and industrial properties, rental housing, multi-family condominium housing, seniors living communities, and resort developments in British Columbia, Alberta and Ontario. Concert's foundation includes the strength and backing of Canadians represented by the union and management pension plans who own the company, a corporate philosophy where integrity in all dealings and community values are key, and a dedicated team of professionals. Concert is committed to working co-operatively with community groups, cities and municipalities to provide a win-win situation for the communities in which it builds. Concert – a developer with a difference. [www.ConcertProperties.com](http://www.ConcertProperties.com)

## **About the Burn Fund**

The Burn Fund is a registered charity established in 1978 by the BC Professional Fire Fighters Association. More than 3,600 professional fire fighters from forty-nine communities around the province are building the Burn Fund's vision. They dedicate their time and skills to support burn survivors and increase the public's knowledge about fire and burn safety issues through the work the Burn Fund does with its Burn Awareness, Research and Prevention Programs.

For more information about the [BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund Building](#) or to make a donation, please visit [www.burnfund.org](http://www.burnfund.org).

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