

## Health and Technology District's City Centre 2 Boosts Surrey's Innovation Ecosystem

*Lark Group welcomes Safe Software and Regent Christian Academy as anchor tenants of City Centre 2*



*Photo: Health & Technology District's City Centre 2 building developed by Surrey-based Lark Group*

Surrey, B.C. (May 10, 2018) – The **Health and Technology District** is pleased to unveil the **Lark Group's City Centre 2** building as it continues its expansion directly across from Surrey Memorial Hospital, further advancing Surrey's innovation ecosystem and inspiring leading edge collaborations across numerous sectors.

"The Health and Technology District and our City Centre buildings are a unique ecosystem that serves as catalysts for translating emerging technologies into life changing innovations that attract thought leaders and innovative companies from across Canada and beyond," says **Larry Fisher, President of Lark Group**. "Our District generates a robust economy and exponential opportunities for children, families and residents of Surrey, enabling future leaders and skilled talent to flourish. Lark Group's goal is to provide an eight-phase hub of health and technology that will have impact on the lives of people around the world."

The Lark Group developed the Health and Technology District in anticipation of the rapidly growing health and technology sector in B.C. City Centre 2 is the newest addition to this rapidly emerging technology cluster with this 185,000 square-foot, 12-storey LEED Gold certified building, with plans for up to eight buildings in the immediate area. Upon completion, the overall District will consist of over 1.5 million square-feet and estimates over 15,000 jobs, and will contribute over \$1.1 billion annually into B.C.'s economy.

"The opening of City Centre 2, in the heart of Surrey's Health and Technology District, exemplifies our government's vision for B.C.'s growing tech sector—a place where professional clinical practices and tech entrepreneurs intersect with centres of teaching and learning to inspire growth and innovation," said **Bruce Ralston, Minister of Jobs, Trade and Technology**. "Congratulations to the Health and Technology District, Lark Group and City of Surrey for bringing this remarkable multi-phase development together and for sharing our government's vision for the growth of the tech industry through a commitment to innovation, partnerships and collaboration."

"Surrey is in a state of transformation as we drive our economic diversification strategy and build up our industry sectors. City Centre 2 is yet another concrete example of the forward momentum we are experiencing in the City of Surrey. Situated directly across from Surrey Memorial Hospital Campus and the nearby Jim Pattison Outpatient

Centre, City Centre 2 is a significant addition to the city's growing health and technology sectors," said **City of Surrey Mayor Linda Hepner**.

Surrey's technology powerhouse **Safe Software** is the anchor tenant of City Centre 2, occupying the top five floors with over 54,000 square-foot of space for their growing team comprised of more than 150 employees. Their brand new office space includes a state-of-the-art 4,000 square-foot cafeteria, a 6,000 square-foot roof-top garden terrace and green space with a multi-level deck and walking path, a well as a fully equipped fitness centre and amenities for their employees.

"Expanding our headquarters into the Health and Technology District is a pivotal move for Safe Software that will grow our company and take us to the next level," says **Don Murray, President and Co-Founder of Safe Software**.

**VP of Software Development and Co-Founder Dale Lutz** agrees. "Being in the hub of Surrey's technology and innovation cluster will further our success as a data integration leader, make recruitment easier, and enable further collaboration with others who are also setting the pace in the high-tech sector."

In addition, Surrey-based **Regent Christian Academy** is adding a new campus at City Centre 2 and expanding its international student program. Their new 11,000 square-foot city campus will house their English Language Learning student program. In this highly innovative learning model, these students have the unique opportunity to not only work towards a B.C. high school graduation and prepare for university admissions, they will also have the advantage of receiving an immersive experience, working adjacent to entrepreneurs, start-up organizations, researchers, scientists and other innovative and technology companies within the District.

"Our International Department is excited to be a part of the Health and Technology District as we continue to expand into the future of global education," said **Louanne Menser, Regent Christian Academy's Director of International Department**.

Safe Software and Regent Christian Academy will be moving into their new City Centre 2 space in the Fall of 2018.

#### **About the Health and Technology District:**

The Health and Technology District is one of B.C.'s most rapidly growing and dynamic new health-tech sectors located in Surrey's emerging innovation ecosystem. It has a unique advantage being ideally located directly across from Surrey Memorial Hospital, one of Canada's busiest hospitals. The District is where a collaborative cluster of multinational and start-up companies, international partners, clinical and research facilities, scientists, innovators and entrepreneurs, work together in partnership to accelerate the implementation of technologies and solutions towards health care impacts and improvements. [www.HealthandTechnologyDistrict.com](http://www.HealthandTechnologyDistrict.com)

#### **About Safe Software:**

Founded in 1993 by Don Murray and Dale Lutz, Safe Software is one of British Columbia's largest software companies with over 150 employees and more than 20,000 customers in over 100 countries. Head quartered in Surrey, its FME software is used by utilities, governments, engineering firms, and other organizations around the world to integrate enterprise systems and automate data processing. [www.safe.com](http://www.safe.com)

#### **About Regent Christian International Academy:**

Regent Christian Academy, established in 1978, is an independent, co-educational, preparatory school (Kindergarten - Grade 12) located in Surrey, British Columbia. The school's student enrolment is approximately 600 students (130 international students), with over 60 faculty and support staff members. Its International Department welcomed its first student in 1989, and continues to gain a reputation as a highly successful school and international program that produces top academic results. [www.regent.bc.ca](http://www.regent.bc.ca)