

LABYRINTH: 42-foot structure built with gravel and granite

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walked it for discernment, reflection, contemplation, celebration and rites of passage,” said Ng.

Labyrinths are enjoying something of a resurgence in popularity, and Ng’s efforts have drawn attention around the Lower Mainland. During a fundraising fair Ng organized, she met a group from Port Moody who are now planning on breaking ground for their labyrinth in Pioneer Memorial Park in

September.

“I’m hoping to build more labyrinths in different places, said Ng. “I would like to approach the hospital to see if they’re interested.”

She noted there are many kinds of benefits to walking a labyrinth – health, spiritual, personal and professional development among them.

Located near the parking lot off 80th Avenue in Fleetwood Park, the 42-foot labyrinth will have gravel paths and granite borders, surrounded by a bosque (three rows

of trees planted on three sides), which will be pruned to provide a shady canopy. Nearby are two Knots Gardens, shrubs planted and pruned into Celtic knots, a pergola and flower gardens to create a beautiful, peaceful space.

The project is a partnership between the City of Surrey’s parks and rec department, South Fraser Unitarian congregation and is supported by financial donations from many small businesses in the city.

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SCHOLARSHIPS FOR NURSES

Bank bucks up for training at SMH

Applications are now being accepted from Surrey Memorial Hospital’s 1,650 nurses for scholarships made available by the TD Bank Financial Group.

Its donation of \$150,000 to Surrey Memorial Hospital Foundation – totaling \$30,000 a year for the next five years – will be used to provide training

and professional development to the hospital’s nurses.

“This donation will allow nurses to further their skills at a time when the hospital is growing in size and importance,” noted foundation boss Jane Adams.

A major concern for healthcare providers is

finding both the time and resources to continue to further their education, said TD’s Jane Russell.

“As a result, we feel the best way (to) make an impact is to provide funding for scholarships for our nurses.

Established in 1992, Surrey Memorial Hospital Foundation has raised

more than \$45 million to purchase medical equipment, fund innovative programs, and support training and research. The foundation is currently involved in its largest fundraising initiative ever, a campaign to raise \$15 million to triple the size of the hospital’s emergency department.