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## **Women's Sexual Assault Centre Finds New Home**

VICTORIA - The Victoria Women's Sexual Assault Centre will be moving to a new location in the Central Building at 620 View St. at the end of August.

Currently located in the St. John Ambulance building on Pandora, the Centre started looking for a new location after the building was purchased by the Vancouver Island Health Authority in order to house VIHA's outreach and servicing programs.

"Because of all the media attention over the last month," says Sandy McLellan, Executive Director of the Women's Sexual Assault Centre, "Many people are under the impression that the St. John Ambulance building is already vacant. I want to assure everyone that we are still here and will continue to be here until the move to the Central Building at the end of the summer."

McLellan says that finding a new location was not easy and that they are extremely grateful to David Langlois of Cornerstone Properties for helping secure the new office space.

"David has worked tirelessly in the efforts to find a suitable downtown location for us in a relatively short amount of time," says McLellan. "A special thanks to him and to all of the community members who helped in this search."

The Centre provided services to over 2,800 people last year and is active in prevention education for youth through an initiative called Project Respect. Visit [www.vwsac.com](http://www.vwsac.com) for further information.