



... about the new features for the Stuart Lake Hospital

The new Stuart Lake Hospital will be **three times larger** in building size at **6300 sq metres**, replacing a 1759 sq metres, fifty-year-old modular wood structure that was built to last only 25 years. It will include:

- ✓ **27 beds**, more than doubling the current hospital's 12 beds. The current hospital operates 6 medical inpatient beds (including 1 palliative bed, and 1 maternity delivery room), and 6 residential care beds. Of the **27 beds** in the new hospital, **18** are designated community care beds and **9** are in-patient acute beds.
- ✓ **An emergency department with two treatment rooms**, doubling the current one treatment room, a **trauma bay** and a **covered ambulance bay**.
- ✓ **Expanded laboratory and diagnostic imaging**.
- ✓ **A Primary Care Centre**, replacing an off-site clinic, **consolidating services** currently offered in Fort St. James to one location.
- ✓ **Construction of 85 parking stalls**, greatly increasing parking capacity.
- ✓ **Culturally and medicinally significant landscaping** consisting of endemic plants used in traditional and medicinal contexts by local Indigenous communities. Hospital landscaping includes a **Healing Garden** and **Palliative Care Garden** developed in collaboration with local Indigenous Elders and plant experts.
- ✓ **An in-house Spiritual Space and a Gathering Space**, in keeping with evidence-based design features that improve the healing environment, enable **culturally safe care** for Indigenous people, and are welcoming to all communities served by the new hospital.
- ✓ **Space for culturally relevant art and artifacts**, including reinforced walls to handle various art media, concrete anchors for outdoor art, and custom-built cabinets to display historic and art objects.
- ✓ **Larger space for palliative care**, including a **palliative care lounge** and **garden**, in keeping with Indigenous cultural practices for gathering at times of death.

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Stuart Lake Hospital Replacement Project

Fort St. James, BC

Engagement is a major part of Northern Health Capital Projects, and there will be many opportunities for input from the community as this project progresses. Milestones will be celebrated by us in community, online, and in the media. We hope you will join us!

Let's Talk Northern Health is where you'll find everything you want to know about the new Stuart Lake Hospital. Register today to give your input, ask questions and read project updates.



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