



PROJECT UPDATE

Stuart Lake Hospital

November 2023

## PROJECT STATUS UPDATE

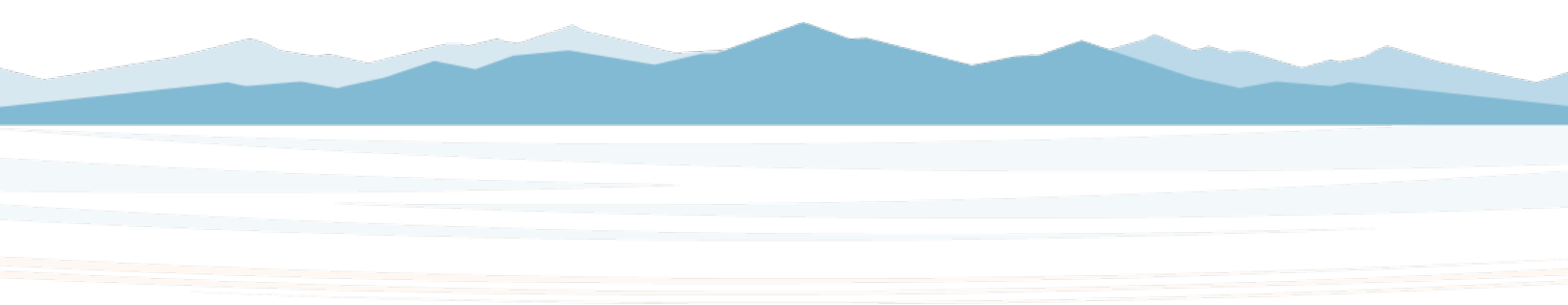
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### Where we're at

As you've no doubt seen, this summer has been a flurry of construction activity on the new Stuart Lake Hospital. We've seen walls go up, roads paved, and a building come to life. The new hospital is now fully enclosed, and the work has shifted to items such as interior wall steel studs, backing and boarding, electrical, IT infrastructure, fire protection, and more.



While there is still a good deal of work to go before the building is ready for patients, it's easy to see what an improvement the new facility is going to be for residents, staff, and medical staff.





Outside of the building, the Stuart Lake Hospital project team has been working with Graham Construction on the 100% Design Submittal to address concerns and ensure that any deficiencies and issues can be resolved before we open the building.





## Project schedule

Despite how good the building is looking already, there is still a great deal of work to happen before we're ready to bring patients into the building. However, the SLH project is still on track to open for patients late 2024 with the project being completed in 2025.

With the design work nearly wrapped up, much of the project team focus has shifted to transition planning, which is a complicated process that will take nearly a year to figure out. This work ahead of time will ensure that we're able to hit the ground running in the new facility once we open the doors.

Once we open the doors on the new facility, the next steps will be the demolition of the old hospital, and the creation of new parking and culturally significant gardens and landscaping in its stead. If all goes according to plans, that work will be complete in 2025 and the new Stuart Lake Hospital will be ready to serve the community for years to come.

## Site tour

In August, we were privileged to be able to offer a site tour to staff and medical staff of the new Stuart Lake Hospital. Graham Construction took everyone on a detailed walkthrough of the new building to show them where the new features would be located.



Despite the unfinished state of the inside, all those on the tour were in awe of the size of the new Stuart Lake Hospital compared to the current site. We look forward to hosting more of these tours in the future and sharing regular progress photos of the work happening on site.

## NEXT STEPS AND UPCOMING MILESTONES

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### Engagement

Although the design portion of the hospital is nearly complete, that doesn't mean that we won't be engaging with staff and the public any further. Staff and community have an important role to play in the work still to come. Transition planning is a vital component of the project, and we look forward to hearing your thoughts on what that should look like.



We will continue to engage throughout the lifetime of the project through Let's Talk, our established working groups, as well as other virtual and in-person events.

## Dakelh language working group

In addition to the work going on inside, we are also actively working on ways to make sure that the facility is culturally safe and welcome. One way, among many, that we're doing that is by creating a Dakelh language working group comprised of Elders and language experts from the surrounding Indigenous communities.

In the spirit of reconciliation and cultural safety, and to reflect the territory on which the hospital is located, a number of patient and staff signs throughout the facility will have Dakelh translations. We look forward to sharing these with you in the future.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

### Stuart Lake Hospital Replacement Project Let's Talk

Let's Talk is our one-stop shop for everything related to the Stuart Lake Hospital project. Not only does this site have regular project updates, but it is also a place where you can provide feedback and thoughts on the project. We are always looking to connect and to hear from you! Please stay in touch and keep your questions coming.

[Stuart Lake Hospital Let's Talk](#)

### Employment opportunities at Stuart Lake Hospital

A new hospital with more beds, expanded lab and diagnostic imaging, and a Primary Care Clinic, means a great number of positions to fill. A variety of positions will be available both in the hospital as well as the Primary Care Clinic which will be housed in the new hospital such as:

- Licensed Practical Nurse
- Registered Nurse
- Housekeeper
- Cook
- Food Service Worker
- Facility Maintenance
- Imaging Technician
- Medical Lab Technologist
- Care Aid
- Laboratory Clerk
- Primary Care Assistant
- Social Worker
- Occupational Therapist
- Medical Office Assistant
- Community Health Worker
- Physicians
- Nurse Practitioner
- Rehab Assistant
- And many more!



To start your education journey to a job in health care, connect with employment contacts at Northern Health Recruitment ([nhjobs@northernhealth.ca](mailto:nhjobs@northernhealth.ca)) or Megan Hunter, Health Services Administrator – Omineca ([megan.hunter@northernhealth.ca](mailto:megan.hunter@northernhealth.ca)).

[Employment opportunities and additional recruitment contacts](#)

## Stuart Lake Hospital Replacement Project construction camera

We've installed a construction camera that you can access to see what's going on at the site! Follow along to see the progress and watch the new hospital take shape.

Click on the link on the Let's Talk Page (or here: [Stuart Lake Hospital Construction Camera](#)) for a bird's eye view of construction anytime you like.

## Contact us directly

For questions, feedback, or to get added to the distribution list for these updates, feel free to reach out directly to us through Mark Hendricks, Communications Lead, Capital Projects, at:

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