

# Community Update:

## Grande Prairie Regional Hospital

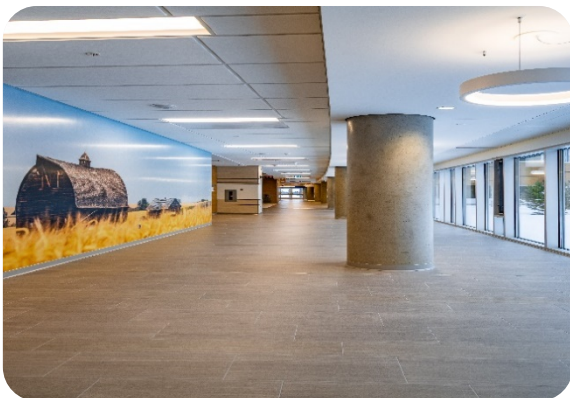
### Overview

- The new 64,000 m<sup>2</sup> Grande Prairie Regional Hospital will provide a wide-range of healthcare services, including surgery, cancer care, critical care and emergency services.
- It will have single inpatient rooms, including medical, surgical and rehabilitation, intensive care, cardiac care, obstetrics, neonatal intensive care and pediatric beds.
- The hospital will include an education facility in partnership with Grande Prairie Regional College, for the training of nurses and other healthcare professionals.
- A state-of-the-art cancer centre at the new hospital will include two radiation vaults, bringing radiation therapy services to the community and the surrounding region.
- Outpatient programs will include specialized diagnostic procedures and clinics, medical day care, and a cardiac/respiratory program which will provide localized testing and treatment for patients with cardiac and respiratory diseases.
- Parkade construction is complete. The site will include 1100 parking stalls in the parkade, with an additional 250 surface stalls.



## Construction and Commissioning update

- Alberta Health Services (AHS) is thrilled to see construction complete on the Grande Prairie Regional Hospital project. AHS gained possession of the building in June 2020, and immediately began work on the operational planning and commissioning phase of the project.
- Operational planning and commissioning is crucial to ensuring the building and medical systems, and our healthcare teams are all fully prepared to provide safe and quality care to our patients before opening.
- This includes detailed cleaning of the entire building as well as ordering and installation of furniture and equipment. Training staff to use the new medical equipment and systems and thorough testing of all the medical and operational systems is necessary to ensure everything is safe and working properly prior to providing patient care.
- Commissioning will also include the implementation of our new Connect Care provincial health information network, allowing healthcare providers and patients easy and comprehensive access to up-to-date patient information in one single patient record.



## What's to come

### Commissioning and Recruitment:

- Our furniture and equipment team have been receiving regular deliveries at the site. A few of the major installs currently underway include:
  - Linear accelerators for radiation therapy in the Cancer Centre – a first for the North Zone
  - Parallel analyzers in the lab – only the second of its kind in Canada
- Additional staff will be needed in various departments at the new hospital. Recruitment and training of new staff will be ongoing throughout the commissioning process.
- Government has approved additional inpatient and surgical clinical service capacity. Alberta Infrastructure has begun work on an additional 28-bed mental health unit and 32-bed medical unit. These beds were previously unfinished space in the new facility to allow for this type of expansion.
- The mental health unit will consist of 14 adult spaces, six psychiatric intensive care spaces, four youth spaces and four geriatric spaces, increasing mental health inpatient spaces for the region.
- Construction on this phase is expected to be completed this summer. As with the initial phase of new hospital construction, operational planning and commissioning will follow.
- Supported by the Alberta Surgical Initiative work has also begun on two additional operating room (OR) suites. These ORs were also previously unfinished space in the allowing for this future expansion. These new suites will bring the total number of ORs at the site to 11, including a dedicated obstetrical OR in the maternity unit.

