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Kelowna and Vernon Hospitals Project

Kelowna General Hospital Site Update

Site Activities at KGH as of December 8, 2008

The site of the new UBC Medical School Building and Parkade is being prepared for construction. Current work involves:

- excavation of the site;
- placement and compaction of crushed rock;
- drill rigs will also be on site this week to prepare the site for the geothermal systems that will heat and cool the new buildings.

In order to minimize the effects of dust and fumes from the work on site, the general contractor, Graham Construction, has attached screen mesh to the site fence. The black material at the bottom of the fence was also installed to retain all run off from the site. As well, the excavation contractor is having the road swept several times each day. In addition, the KGH maintenance department have ordered charcoal filters to be installed at all air intakes, some of which have been installed already. We hope that these measures will help in reducing or eliminating bad air episodes. Monitoring of air quality will be ongoing.

The Next Phase

The drilling to prepare for the installation of the geothermal rods will start on December 15 and will take several weeks. As the rigs move from hole to hole work will start on setting footings and foundations. The first concrete pour will be on or around December 20.

Work will also begin shortly on construction of the temporary ambulance bays. The BC Ambulance service has been contacted for input.