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*Kelowna and Vernon Hospitals Project*

## Kelowna General Hospital Site Update

### Site Activities at KGH as of January 26, 2009

#### **UBC/Parkade**

The UBC/ Parkade building is progressing well, Graham Construction has poured 160 metres of concrete into the footings and will continue to pour concrete weekly. Once poured the footings will be back filled with the ground material that had previously been removed and stored next to the pre-load area on Pandosy St. Geothermal drilling is proceeding well and to date approximately 60% of the holes have been drilled.

#### **Patient Care Tower**

The long awaited removal of the pre-load on the site of the future patient care tower is fast approaching. Soil compaction is complete and removal of the pre-load material should begin in early February. The removal should take four to six weeks. There will be a number of trucks turning on and off the site from Royal Ave. during this phase.

#### **The Next Phase**

At the same time the pre-load material is being removed, the builder will begin putting up fencing around the location of the new patient care tower. Upon completion of the pre-load removal, the construction area for the new patient care tower will be fully fenced off.

This will include closing the main entrance (Strathcona) to the hospital lobby and emergency department from Pandosy (both patient walk-in and ambulance drop-off entrances). As a result, there will be significant changes to parking and traffic patterns at KGH in the coming months. Please be patient as we implement these changes. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

#### **Plant Maintenance**

As part of the contract to design, build, finance and maintain the new facilities, the private partner, Infusion Health, will take over the management of plant maintenance services for the whole site via its service provider Black & McDonald.

A new Help Desk will begin operating effective April 1, 2009. Black & McDonald assumes responsibility for full plant maintenance services beginning July 1, 2009. At this time, Black & McDonald is not providing any services at either site.