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Kelowna and Vernon Hospitals Project

Kelowna General Hospital Site Update

Site Activities at KGH as of March 26, 2009

Patient Care Tower

Removal of the pre-load material is now complete. Infusion Health has taken over the construction area. And as of Monday, March 16, the face of KGH has changed.

The old main entrance to the hospital has been fenced off and replaced with new entrances. The new main entrance (non-emergency) is off Rose Ave. at the south end of KGH. The new public emergency and after-hours drop-off entrance is off Royal Ave. at the north end of the hospital. The new ambulance bays and on-call physician parking is also located off Royal Ave.

Extensive new signage has been put in place to direct the public and staff to these new entrances. This signage is a work in progress, and is being modified based on feedback we have received, so that it best meets the needs of visitors in finding their way to and around the hospital.

UBC/Parkade

The UBC medical school building and new parkade is well underway. The walls are now poured for the elevator shaft (closest to Rose Ave.) and an exit stairwell (closest to Pandosy St.). Most of the walls will be pre-cast concrete and are scheduled to be on site in late April or early May, as is the structural steel.

Graham Construction has poured most of the concrete footings for both the UBC building and the parkade and is now backfilling those footings. Underground plumbing is being installed, as are the underground connections to sewer and water.

The Next Phase

Two large cranes are currently densifying the ground on which the new Patient Care Tower will be built. This work entails the boring of holes into the ground into which crushed rock is forced and compacted. This will be done approximately 800 times across the site in order to solidify the ground in readiness for the start of building.

The pre-cast concrete and structural steel for the UBC building will be on site in late April or early May. It will take approximately eight weeks to erect the pre-cast and structural steel.