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Kelowna and Vernon Hospitals Project

Kelowna General Hospital Site Update

Site Activities at KGH as of June 29, 2009

Patient Care Tower

The fourth and final raft slab foundation for the new KGH Patient Care Tower will be poured in the next couple of weeks. Meanwhile, if you've been by the site lately, you'll see construction is going very quickly.

Graham Design Builders, the company doing the construction, is using a relatively new technique called a "column-hung form system." It allows them to form and pour large sections of floor and support columns at one time. Once the concrete has cured, the forms supporting the floor are moved in one gigantic piece up one level to begin pouring the next floor. The first concrete pour for the second floor will take place this week. The form will then be moved up to the third floor in a couple of weeks.

Don't forget, you can view time-lapse photographs of the construction on our website. View the image from our web cameras at www.buildingpatientcare.ca/kghwebcam.

UBC/Parkade

Installation of the structural steel for the UBC Medical School Clinical Academic Campus is complete. Metal decking has been installed on the second floor and the concrete floor is being poured on top of the decking. Work has begun on wall studs, which will close in the walls and hold up the roof. The UBC building should be weather-tight before the end of summer.

The parkade next to the UBC building is about 20 percent complete. However, the middle section of the parkade, which is the next to be constructed, is simpler to build and should go much more quickly. The crane that is installing the pre-cast concrete will likely remain on site until the week of July 13.

Parking at KGH

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank all staff and visitors to KGH for their patience as construction takes up valuable space at the site (go to www.buildingpatientcare.ca for an up-to-date map of the KGH site). We know it has caused inconvenience, but we believe the short-term pain will result in long-term gain for everyone in the Okanagan.

In the meantime, please observe all parking regulations on and off the site. And please be respectful of our neighbours by not blocking driveways and obeying all city parking regulations.