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Kelowna and Vernon Hospitals Project

Vernon Jubilee Hospital Site Update

Site activities at VJH as of January 26, 2009

The demolition of the Alexander Wing is all but complete. There is ongoing utility work, which includes everything from underground water and sewer mains to the re-routing of the Hydro connection to VJH.

The Hydro re-routing will take place in the very early hours of Thursday, January 29. VJH will run for two hours on its emergency generators while this work is being completed. This has all been planned with the complete involvement of the maintenance staff. In addition to the emergency generator, a secondary generator will be on standby. The power switchover should not be noticed at all within the hospital.

Because of the close proximity of the excavation equipment and trucks to the main building, charcoal filters have now been installed on all air intakes. Machinery has been fitted with exhaust scrubbers and they are using low sulphur fuel.

The Next Phase

Bulk excavation will begin for the new building in approximately two weeks. This will mean increased traffic on site as trucks haul ground material off site. Bulk excavation will take several weeks followed by detailed excavation for underground utilities and footings. In preparation for this, the contractor will be posting new signs and erecting more fencing to direct traffic.

For the safety of everyone, please obey all posted signs and stay off the construction site.

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.