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Kelowna and Vernon Hospitals Project

Vernon Jubilee Hospital Site Update

Site activities at VJH as of June 29, 2009

Construction of the new VJH Patient Care Tower continues to proceed ahead of schedule. We hope the roof will be on by early winter.

If you've been by the site lately, you may have noticed construction of the seven-storey tower is done in a "stepped" manner. In other words, pouring of concrete for the second floor starts before the first floor is finished; pouring of the third floor starts before the second is finished, etc.

The first floor concrete slab is over 70 percent poured. The second floor slab (what will be the main floor) is visible now from the edge of the site and is about 60 percent poured, and work has begun on the third floor. It is about 25 percent complete.

An interesting part of the job that you won't see from the outside is the tunnel that is being bored beneath the existing hospital to connect the old and new buildings. This tunnel will be about 2.4 metres by 2.4 metres (8 ft x 8 ft) and will be approximately 30 metres (100 feet) long. It will not be a public access route. But it will act as a service corridor between the two buildings.

The work on the tunnel is being done very carefully so that it does not disrupt normal hospital operations. The tunnel is about three-quarters completed, and should be drilled clear through by the end of July. It will come out at the location of the kitchen and cafeteria.

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Don't forget, we have installed a sky-cam at VJH. The camera will take photographs of the construction of the new Patient Care Tower as it is built. You can view the images any time at www.buildingpatientcare.ca/vjhwebcam.