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### **Important parking changes at Vernon Jubilee Hospital**

Parking changes are taking place at Vernon Jubilee Hospital as a result of the upcoming construction of the new Patient Care Tower.

Alterations to parking arrangements in the lots adjacent to the hospital are taking place, and signage and fencing is on site to direct the public accordingly. In addition, a new paved parking lot south of 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue will be opening on November 28<sup>th</sup>. This lot will be able to accommodate 338 vehicles, and will feature landscaping, lighting and security enhancements.

Interior Health is also pleased to offer a customer assistance program that provides free assistance to our parking lot users should they encounter a problem with their vehicle (dead battery, flat tire, keys locked in car, etc). The contact number will be posted in the parking lots.

New parking rates also come into effect on November 28<sup>th</sup>, for both staff and public. The public rate will be \$1 per hour, with a \$4 daily maximum. Members of the auxiliary, hospital foundation and other accredited volunteers will be able to park free of charge in recognition of the hours they donate to the hospital.

Since the last time parking rates were adjusted more than five years ago, Interior Health has invested millions of dollars to upgrade parking at the hospital in order to continue to meet growing demand. During the same period, operating costs have risen substantially while parking revenues has remained stagnant. Interior Health believes health care dollars should be spent on patient care rather than parking infrastructure; as a result parking fees are being adjusted accordingly.

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