



Fort St. John Hospital & Residential Care Project

An update from the Project Management Office

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“Get better soon in our new hospital” Winners of school art contest



by Sidney Stewart, Grade 2, Bert Ambrose Elementary



by Brianne Laramore, Grade 7, Bert Ambrose Elementary



by Sydney DeMaid, Grade 6, Bert Ambrose Elementary

Even the youngest members of the Fort St. John community are aware that a new hospital is in the works – and they're excited.

They had a chance to express their feelings during a recent school art contest sponsored by Northern Health, ISL Health, and School District 60 (Peace River North).

The contest was open to all students in

the school district, who competed in four age categories on the theme of the importance of the hospital to family. The winners (some of whose entries are shown on these pages) are as follows:

Grades K-3:

- 1st - Sidney Stewart, Grade 2, Bert Ambrose Elementary

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Update from the Project Management Office: Moving ahead “on budget, on track, on time”

The NH Project Management Team is ensuring that the project stays on budget, on track, and on time. Expenditures and timelines are constantly monitored to ensure it will remain that way.

The extension of 112 Avenue to connect 86th and 79th streets continues, with turning lanes added to 79th St. The steel and wood structures continue to rise out of the ground, and the general forms of the buildings are becoming evident. Water and sewer work to serve both facilities is also

under way. Planning is already under way for the summer 2012 move-in. Transition planning has started, and the sense is that staff are pleased at how their feedback is being acted on.

“We’ve had maternity nurses come up and tell us how pleased they are that we’re listening to them. The staff have been a huge part of design,” says Tom Sparrow, Project Director.

Planning for additional training, education, and orientation is in the works, with plans to provide educa-

tors to train staff on the new equipment, procedures, processes, and systems.

“Many people have worked in the same hospital for 20 or 30 years, so they could be doing things differently in the new facility,” says Tom. “In health care, staff need to know instantly where to go to get something or how to use the equipment. People need to be able to work effectively in their new work environment.” •

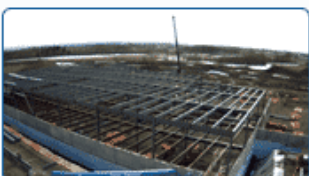
Did you know? *Project webcam now available*

ISL Health has set up a webcam high atop a temporary power pole overlooking the hospital construction site.

This webcam “sees” only the hospital portion of the site, but another will be installed soon to transmit images of the progress of the residential care side.

To see webcam images, go to www.northernhealth.ca, find Major Projects and Partners (bottom right), and choose Fort St. John Hospital and Residential Care Project.

WEBCAM



Some of the winners of the school art contest, with Gareth Hurlbut (left), Project General Manager for ISL Health, and Tara O'Donnell, Executive Director of the Fort St. John Community Arts Council. Also shown is Kim Boettcher (far right), Vice Principal of Curriculum and Instruction with SD 60.

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- 2nd - Shelby Kirkpatrick, Grade 3, Bert Ambrose Elementary
- 3rd - Jenna Elliott, Grade 3, Bert Ambrose Elementary

Grades 4-6:

- 1st - Sydney DeMaid, Grade 6, Bert Ambrose Elementary
- 2nd - James Stotz, Grade 6, Buick Creek Elementary/ Jr Secondary
- 3rd - Ashley White, Grade 6, Bert Ambrose Elementary

Grades 7-9:

- 1st - Emma Silver, Grade 7, Bert Ambrose Elementary

- 2nd - Kelsey MacLean, Grade 7, Bert Ambrose Elementary
- 3rd - Brianne Laramore, Grade 7, Bert Ambrose Elementary

Grades 10-12:

- 1st - Lindsay Bell, Grade 10, Clearview Elementary/ Jr Secondary

Congratulations to all the winners and thanks to all the students who participated.

As the construction project continues, the artwork will be showcased in various places throughout the community . •

Strategic planning workshop a success

Detailed planning taking place now for 2012 move

The strategic planning workshop for the project, held in June, focused on strategizing for the transition to the new facilities. Thirty members of the different transition teams attended, representing both Design Build Joint Venture (DBJV) and Northern Health.

The workshop engaged team members to help develop transition plans and covered tasks and milestones for the transition group over the next two years of the project.

As well, Walter Hiller, the Project Director of Abbotsford Regional Hospital and Cancer Centre presented on “sharing experiences - transitioning and strategizing lessons learned.”

Training staff to use the new spaces is vital, and starts early in the construction process. “Staff need to be totally familiar with their new surroundings and equipment, and able to deliver whatever they’re responsible for,” says Tom Sparrow, Project Director, Fort St. John Hospital and Residential Care Project.

For example, the new hospital features seven labour delivery recovery postpartum rooms (LDRPs). These family-friendly rooms allow mothers and babies to stay in one room together for their entire stay, from when the labouring mother arrives, through delivery, to when the new family is ready to go home. “This is a whole new concept for our clinical maternity team,” says

Tom. “They need to be fully cognizant and have that knowledge and experience before they go into the new facility.”

Equipment procurement is another vital area of the transition. The procurement team is in charge of 17,000 line items: everything from garbage cans and pencils from CT scanners. “We have to completely understand who’s going to be buying and installing that equipment and when,” says Tom Sparrow. “Everything has to arrive at a certain time in the project schedule. For example, heavy and large laundry equipment must arrive and be installed by November 2010 because walls are going up.”

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Staff barbecues celebrate completion of design phase

Barbecues at the hospital and at North Peace Care Centre were held on June 18 and June 23, respectively, to celebrate the contributions made by all staff and physicians to the completion of the design phase.

Both events were well attended and enjoyed by all.



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Once the clinical equipment, some of which is extremely complex, is in place, it's up to the commissioning team to ensure it's operational. For example, the reverse osmosis machine for dialysis must be functioning correctly and must be properly certified. Facility commissioning (boilers, air systems, etc.) will be carried out by Design Build Joint Venture (DBJV).

Move management is another significant area for the transition. It encompasses moving all patients, equipment, and staff into the two new facilities.

This is coordinated by a team and a move management consultant who will ensure that from a healthcare perspective, the move is as seamless and smooth as possible.

"We're initiating this very early in our process to ensure we're on top of this," says Tom. "There will be lots of planning for moving and staging over the next two years."

The Operating Period Joint Committee (OPJC), made up of representatives from NH and ISL, will look after operations for the facilities for the next 30 years.

They will ensure all that everything is fully operational and that NH is fully satisfied with the facilities management side of operating and maintaining the facilities.

Finally, the Transition Working Group is the overarching group that is the focal point for all the teams mentioned above. ●

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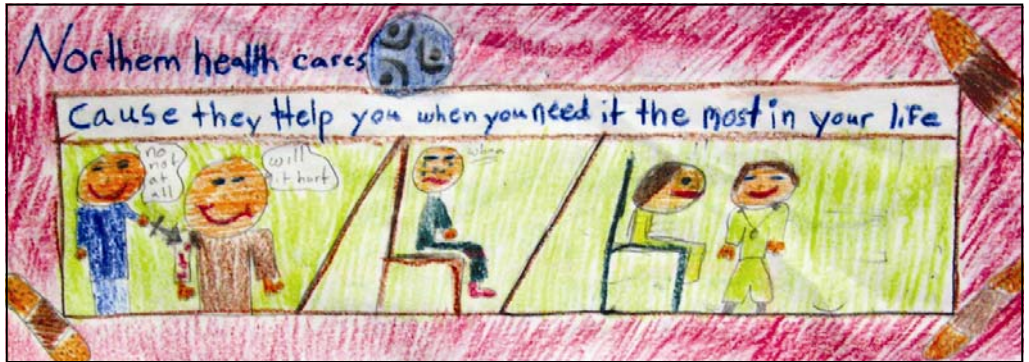
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Watch for these milestones!



November 2010: Lock-up ceremony (both facilities) to celebrate the fact that the building is watertight and ready for interior construction throughout the winter.

November 2010: Neighbourhood committee meetings – details TBA.



by Heather Marie McAleney, Grade 5, Central Elementary

A closeup of another delightful entry from the school art contest (see front page).



This aerial photo of the construction site was taken by David Bell, Alaska Highway News, in mid-July.