



# Fort St John Hospital & Residential Care Project

An update from the Project Management Office  
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## Construction Update

With spring almost upon us, Fort St. John residents will be seeing some significant activity at the Hospital and Residential Care Project site.

In March, the building structural steel will begin to arrive from Edmonton, Alberta and the steel erection process will start.

The first section to arrive, for the maternity wing of the hospital, includes some 175 tonnes of material – equivalent to 8 semi-trailers of prefabricated steel!

**Did you know that 175 tonnes of steel is equivalent to 70 elephants?**

In the interest of safety and traffic flow, [Stuart Olson](#), the consortium construction firm, will have signage indicating “work zone ahead” and “trucks turning.” With the increased amount of construction traffic entering and exiting the site, precautions are



*Steel for the Fort St. John Hospital and Residential Care Project being fabricated at [Whitemud Ironworks](#) in Edmonton, Alberta.*

being taken to ensure the safety of residents and project employees travelling on that section of road.

As the steel is erected over the next number of months we encourage that you visit our Interpretive Center on the walking path off 86<sup>th</sup> Ave to observe the daily activity.

The on-site webcam has been installed and, with our new Fort St. John Hospital and Residential Care website due for release at the end of March,

you will be able to watch construction from the comfort of your home.

Stay tuned for more updates and interesting facts! ●



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## Update: Residential Care Design

The Fort St. John Hospital and Residential Care Project has kept staff at the North Peace Care Centre busy. Many formal and informal meetings have been held to discuss different aspects of the design and functionality of the new residential care buildings.

Some of the staff members have been involved in meetings with architects and planners from [Cannon Design](#), who are designing the new buildings to fit residents' needs. There have been significant changes to the building's de-

sign, particularly in the Adult Day Program and in the administrative, living/dining room, and servery areas for each pod. There have also been many smaller changes made to other areas of the design.

In order to ensure staff members are up to date with the latest changes to the design plan, Dave Callahan, NPCC Residential Care Program Manager, will be holding a series of meetings where staff can view the plans and ask any questions they may have. ●

## Upcoming events

- Residential Care Staff meetings will be held monthly in the Intermediate Care Sunroom. Please watch for meeting dates in the staff rooms throughout the facility.
- Mock Up Rooms are in the dry-wall phase; stay tuned for their official opening!
- Do you have any feedback? Please see the contact information below.

## IMIT update

As the design process continues, IMIT (Information Management and Information Technology) needs within the project have been growing.

The IMIT team, which helps coordinate the many detailed interests and issues in this area, consists of Angus Watson, Michelle Pryce, Biomed representative Craig Pradolini, and IMIT Project Manager Matt Carter.

IMIT's focus is not just computers; it will also tackle everything from the installation of phones, printers, faxes, and video-conferencing equipment, to biomedical monitors, and pharmaceutical dispensing devices.



*An Integrated Bedside Terminal (IBT)*

One of the exciting challenges is to integrate emerging NH initiatives into the new facility before finalizing its design. Integrated Bedside Terminals (IBTs) are one of these potential initiatives.

Essentially, these are bedside devices used to provide education, entertainment and other services to our patients and clinical staff in the future. There are also many potential advantages to preparing for such devices.

Project staff are arranging for a demonstration in the Hospital in the very near future to help answer questions that clinical and project staff may have about workflow, patient safety, mechanical connections, etc.

Keep in touch with your senior managers or the Project Management Office for information about this work! ●

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*Interpretive centre at the Fort St. John Hospital and Residential Care site.*