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### **Temporary Clinic Renovation Contract Awarded for Queen Charlotte/Haida Gwaii Hospital Replacement Project**

Northern Health announced today that the contract for the temporary clinic renovations as part of the Queen Charlotte/Haida Gwaii Hospital Replacement project has been awarded to Vector Projects Group of Kelowna.

Vector Projects Group will begin the renovations on April 1, 2013 and finish in summer of 2013. The temporary Clinic will be accommodated in leased space at the 'City Centre' building.

When tenant improvements at the City Centre building are complete the clinic will be relocated to the new site until the new hospital is complete and ready for use in 2015.

“Continuity of health care services for patients and their families is important for any construction project,” said Health Minister Margaret MacDiarmid. “An operational, temporary clinic will allow health care professionals to continue delivering high quality services during construction of the new Queen Charlotte/Haida Gwaii Hospital.”

Renovations to the space include hazardous material remediation, demolition of some interior walls and installation of new partitions. Once the new Queen Charlotte/Haida Gwaii Hospital is completed in 2015, these health care services will be permanently housed in the new facility. The site preparation work ran as a separate contract tender.

“Starting the temporary health clinic renovations signifies that the project is progressing,” said Carol Kulesha, Village of Queen Charlotte mayor and North West Regional Hospital District vice-chair. “The temporary clinic will be a great benefit for the community until the new hospital is completed in 2015.”

“The temporary clinic will ensure continued access to services during construction of the new hospital, including the physician medical clinic, public health services, infant development services, diabetes outreach, speech and language services, dietician, visiting specialists clinic, and physiotherapy services,” said Kerry Laidlaw, Northern Health Queen Charlotte Islands General Hospital site administrator.

Vector Projects Group is a medium-sized general contracting firm with considerable experience building in Northern and rural locations.

As site preparation is in progress, the competitive selection process to select the successful Design-Build team for the hospital project continues. The Request for Proposals were issued to the three shortlisted teams in December 2012 and the selection of a Preferred Proponent and contract award is anticipated late spring 2013. Construction will begin summer 2013 and be completed fall 2015.

The Queen Charlotte/Haida Gwaii Hospital Replacement project was announced by government on April 12, 2012. The total capital cost of the project is estimated at \$50 million.

More information on the Queen Charlotte/Haida Gwaii Hospital Replacement project is available on [northernhealth.ca](http://northernhealth.ca)

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