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Site Preparation and Temporary Clinic Renovations Underway for the Queen Charlotte/Haida Gwaii Hospital Replacement Project

Northern Health was joined by local stakeholders on April 5 to celebrate the start of site preparation work and temporary clinic renovations.

"The start of the site preparation and temporary renovation work is an exciting milestone," said Health Minister Margaret MacDiarmid. "Once complete, the new hospital will improve the ability of health professionals to provide care to patients and their families in a modern facility."

"The site preparation and temporary clinic renovations not only mark the physical construction, but also the economic benefits for the community," said Carol Kulesha, Village of Queen Charlotte mayor and North West Regional Hospital District vice-chair. "The benefits for the community cover a variety of industries including local labour, accommodations, restaurants and businesses."

Naikoon Contracting Limited began site preparation work on March 18, and will finish in the summer of 2013. Site preparation work will include protection for the existing hospital and health centre, setting up site accesses for construction crews, and preparing the site for the new facility.

Vector Projects Group began the temporary clinic renovations on March 18 and will finish in summer of 2013. The clinic will be accommodated in leased space at the 'City Centre' building. To date work in the temporary clinic included hazardous material remediation. Other work will include demolition of some interior walls and installation of new partitions.

"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," said Peter Kallos, Northern Health's Queen Charlotte/Haida Gwaii Hospital Replacement project director.

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

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