

Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital Pharmacy and Ambulatory Care Project Update

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Interior Health releases Request for Proposal for detailed design

TRAIL – Interior Health (IH) is pleased to announce that it has released a Request for Proposal (RFP) to secure a consultant for the detailed design of the Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital Pharmacy and Ambulatory Care Project.

This design RFP includes managing architectural and engineering services for the duration of the project.

The new ambulatory care wing will be built above the expanded emergency department. Ambulatory care includes procedures for outpatients, such as endoscopies and cystoscopies, and other minor surgical procedures. No inpatient stays are required. Improvements will be made to the existing ambulatory care space to accommodate outpatient examination rooms, booking offices and telehealth service. The cast clinic will be upgraded. The medical records office will be relocated to the basement to allow for an expanded oncology unit and relocated physiotherapy department. The pharmacy will triple in size. Pharmacy services will be enhanced with the inclusion of a patient education room for private consultations. The pharmacy area will be renovated to provide staff with an upgraded work environment, including better-ventilated spaces to prepare sterile hazardous and non-hazardous chemical products.

IH anticipates awarding the design contract in April and will secure a contractor for construction at the end of the design phase. Construction is expected to start in 2020 and be completed in 2023.

The total cost of project is \$38.8 million, with the provincial government committing \$23.3 million. West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District (WKBRHD) approved a \$15.5-million contribution to the project on March 6.