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## Project Update

### Milestone for Penticton Regional Hospital tower project

It was a monumental — and quite large — milestone for the David E. Kampe Tower at Penticton Regional Hospital.

Crews from EllisDon spent the weekend of June 16 and 17, 2018 taking down the construction crane that had dotted the skyline of Penticton for the last 18 months of work on the new hospital tower.

With the David E. Kampe Tower now less than a year from its opening, construction has progressed far enough that the crane is no longer needed. But before it could come down, a second crane had to be assembled to take the main crane down.

“It’s a significant milestone in a construction project when you can take the crane down,” said Interior Health project manager Michael Morton. “The crane has been a fixture on the tower project but things are moving ahead quickly and it’s no longer needed.”

The crane dismantle job began on Friday, June 15 and lasted through the weekend as the EllisDon crane came apart section by section and was lowered to the ground. Early Monday crews had both cranes cleared from the site.

During construction, the tower crane was used for lifting materials, form work and pouring of some concrete. Now that the crane is down, crews will utilize the elevators within the building to move materials.

Construction on the six-storey David E. Kampe Tower at Penticton Regional Hospital began in the summer of 2016. The project is on schedule for its planned April 29, 2019 opening as well as on budget.

When complete the tower will modernize Penticton Regional Hospital, improving patient care with 84 new single patient rooms, five new operating rooms, a rooftop helipad and space for the UBC Faculty of Medicine.

Phase 2 of the project will begin in the summer of 2019 and will include renovations to the emergency department, the pharmacy and supplies and equipment stores.

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