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Design services now being sought for RIH Clinical Services Building

Interior Health is moving forward with the recently announced first phase of Royal Inland Hospital redevelopment by posting a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the initial design work on the new Clinical Services Building.

“We are excited to see Interior Health taking this first step in the design process,” says Kamloops North Thompson MLA Terry Lake. “This next step brings us closer to actual construction of the new Clinical Services Building.”

Premier Christy Clark announced the first phase of the redevelopment of Royal Inland Hospital, which includes a new clinical services building, medical teaching space and more onsite parking, on July 11th.

“It is heartening to see Royal Inland Hospital’s Master Plan proceed toward construction of the first building with this very tangible step, as the RFP for Consulting Services is posted,” says Kamloops South Thompson MLA Kevin Krueger.

The RFP is for initial indicative design work for the new building. This first step will look at space requirements and examine which of the hospital’s outpatient services might be most appropriate to move to the new building.

“The commitment for further planning to expand Royal Inland with a new Clinical Services Building will help us continue to deliver high quality care and ensure access,” says Interior Health Board Chair Norman Embree.

The first phase of redevelopment is estimated to cost in the range of \$70 to \$80 million and will be shared with the Thompson Regional Hospital District. Detailed construction costs will be determined when the business case is approved in early 2013.

“This first phase of redevelopment at Royal Inland is great news not only for Kamloops but for the surrounding communities that rely on this hospital as a tertiary referral centre,” says TRHD Chair Peter Milobar.

The RFP was posted online on BC Bid today. The RFP will close at the end of August and the contract will likely be awarded in early September.

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