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Project Update: First Phase of RIH Redevelopment Moving Forward

Initial design work continues to move forward on the new Clinical Services Building at Royal Inland Hospital.

After posting a Request for Proposals on July 27th for indicative design and functional programming, the contract was awarded in September to national architecture firm DIALOG.

Indicative design is a preliminary drawing that shows how the Clinical Services Building might be designed, and will help to refine the project budget. It will also inform the business case, which will be submitted to the Ministry of Health in early 2013. Functional programming identifies which services are most appropriate to include within the new building.

The consultants have hit the ground running with several user group and project team meetings already complete. The project team includes representation from medical staff, hospital administration, Interior Health planners and the consultants. There have also been initial meetings with the City regarding Columbia Street traffic flow.

Kamloops residents will see site investigation and assessment work start this week. On October 12th – 13th, equipment will be on site for geotechnical drilling. This drilling is necessary to provide the project team information about soil and rock conditions and the extent of site retention that will be required.

The trees on the front lawn will not be affected by this drilling. Prior to construction starting, it is anticipated that memorial trees which can be moved will be relocated to another area of the hospital campus.

The first phase of the hospital's redevelopment is expected to cost approximately \$80 million.