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## IH selects construction managers for KGH improvement project

Interior Health (IH) has selected Stuart Olson Construction Ltd. as its construction manager to oversee renovations of the Strathcona Building at Kelowna General Hospital.

Four teams responded to the Request for Proposals, which closed on April 29, 2015. Following evaluation of the responses, Stuart Olson Construction Ltd. was selected as the construction manager.

Stuart Olson Construction Ltd. will be responsible for overseeing renovations on the second floor of Strathcona to accommodate six coronary care unit (CCU) beds (plus space for 2 future CCU beds), 34 cardiac inpatient beds, and associated support spaces. Upgrades to the mechanical and electrical infrastructure are also part of this project.

The second floor of the Strathcona Building is currently home to nine operating rooms that are moving to the new Interior Heart and Surgical Centre. This opens up space to create the 40 single occupancy inpatient rooms with their own washrooms. Currently these beds are located elsewhere in the Strathcona and Royal Buildings in a mix of four-bed, private and double occupancy rooms.

The work on the Strathcona Building, expected to be completed in 2017, will be done in phases to support the new cardiac and surgical operations in the Interior Heart and Surgical Centre, which opens in late September 2015.

The construction budget for this project is estimated at \$32 million.

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