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Construction coming along on IHSC



The Interior Heart and Surgical Centre building is two floors high now as work is beginning on the third level already. Above, the construction site as seen from the East Parkade. The drive aisle (bottom left) and second floor (bottom right).



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22
months

...until the first
patient walks
through the doors



6 MONTHS IN THE LIFE

Construction is progressing rapidly on the IHSC building. The above photos show time lapse photos of construction on (from top) Feb. 13, Apr. 13, Jun. 13 and Aug. 13. You can watch developments in real time on the IHSC construction camera: www.buildingpatientcare.ca.

Interior Heart and Surgical Centre Construction Update

Hard to believe it's been three years since the announcement that Kelowna would be home to the fifth cardiac surgical centre in BC, isn't it?

Surgeons have been performing cardiac surgery since December in renovated ORs in the Strathcona Building. But the Interior Heart and Surgical Centre (IHSC) project is also much more than just cardiac care.

As you know, the IHSC project is comprised of a number of moving parts, including:

- the Dr. Walter Anderson Clinical Support Building that opened in May 2012;
- renovations to the Royal Building to support cardiac cath lab services;
- the IHSC building which, along with the cardiac program, will house the new surgical program at KGH; and,
- renovations to the Strathcona Building to provide services to support the IHSC building.

Construction of the IHSC building started in November with the demolition of the old Pandosy Building. The PCL Constructors team has been going full bore ever since, with floor upon floor being constructed.

There is a crawlspace area built on the concrete foundation slab underneath the building that will house electrical and mechanical services.

The first floor went on above this, and work is nearly complete on the level two concrete slab. This level is where the 15 new operating rooms will be located.

As you can see from the photos (and from the online web construction camera – check it out: www.buildingpatientcare.ca) work crews are now preparing the vertical formwork above level two that will allow them to start pouring the concrete for the third floor in the fall.

Meanwhile, work begins soon on preparing for design and construction plans for the renovation of the Strathcona Building, set to take place between now and late 2016.