

# Arrow Lakes Hospital Emergency Department Redevelopment Project Update

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## **Construction starts on Nakusp emergency department upgrades**

NAKUSP – Crews have mobilized and construction has started on major improvements to the emergency department (ED) at Arrow Lakes Hospital.

Highlights of the project will include a dedicated triage area; two new trauma bays; renovated patient exam bays to improve privacy; new utility rooms; and an enclosed multi-purpose meeting room near the ED for family consultations or waiting space for family during trauma situations.

Creston-based T.A. Rendek and Associates Ltd. is overseeing the construction, with project completion anticipated for this winter. Work will take place in phases to ensure ongoing care is provided at the site.

The project is being funded by the Province of BC through the Ministry of Health and the West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District (WKBRHD).

The Arrow Lakes Hospital Foundation and the Arrow Lakes Health Care Auxiliary Society have also committed to supporting these important enhancements to emergency care in Nakusp.

Detailed design of the upgrades to the hospital was done by Nelson-based Cover Architecture Collaborative Inc.

The scope of the project was determined through an initial planning and assessment phase funded by the WKBRHD, which included direct input from the hospital staff and physicians.