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Kamloops – RIH Project

Royal Inland Hospital Site Update

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Invitation to Tender – Site Preparation

An Invitation to Tender was issued earlier this month to pre-qualified contractors for work to occur this fall on the future site of the Clinical Services Building. The scope for the Invitation to Tender includes preparation of the site and relocation of underground utility services. The contract will be awarded at the end of August and site preparation work could begin in the first week of September. Once this work is underway the Ponderosa Lodge parking lot will be temporarily closed to accommodate equipment. Staff will be working directly with residents and families to provide alternative parking arrangements during this temporary closure.

Tree Removal

Prior to site preparation work the remaining trees will be removed from the front lawn. Recognizing the meaning these trees have, particularly for those who dedicated them to loved ones years ago, the Project Team looked at relocating them and consulted with a variety of experts. Based on this input, relocation of the trees was not deemed feasible given their size and age. However, the team is committed to honouring the spirit in which they were planted. An outdoor space will be created as part of the Clinical Services Building project where the following people will be re-memorialized:

- Sonja Wilford
- Ray Perrault
- Colin (Bud) McDonald and Victoria (Enid) McDonald
- Albina (Bea) Redhead
- Hannah Butts
- Lorraine Biesenthal
- Mr. A.R. (Bert) Wilson
- Dearly Departed Members, Ladies Auxiliary to Royal Canadian Legion Branch #52

During consultations with arborists it was recommended that two of the memorial trees along Third Avenue also be removed as they were diseased and posed a safety hazard. Those trees have been removed and the future memorial garden will also honour:

- Julia Black
- Those Who Served, Royal Canadian Legion Branch #52

The Transplant Memorial Garden located behind the electronic sign, planted by the Transplant Society; Daybreak Rotary Club; and Mutual Group, will also be removed.

Request for Qualifications

On August 20, Interior Health announced three qualified proponents had been short listed to participate in the next stage of the competitive selection process to design and

build the new Clinical Services Building. The RFP for the design/build is expected to be released to short-listed proponents at the end of August.

Construction on the building is expected to commence in spring 2014 and will take approximately two years to complete.

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