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Kelowna and Vernon Hospitals Project

Vernon Jubilee Hospital Site Update

Site activities at VJH as of October 5, 2009

Things are really beginning to take shape at the Vernon Jubilee Hospital construction site.

Graham Construction is currently pouring the concrete for the sixth floor of the new Patient Care Tower, and expects to have the roof on by about mid-December. When they do, we hope to have a “building topping” celebration. This is a construction tradition, whereby when they put the roof on a building, they raise an evergreen branch or tree to “top” it off. Wouldn’t that be a great way to welcome the Christmas season!

The first two floors of the Patient Care Tower are larger than the five above them, so they have now poured half the roof at the back side of the building (north side, next to the old Alexander Wing). These floors will house the Emergency Department (first floor) and the Operating Theatres (second floor).

Exterior walls are being added to the first three floors so that Graham can work inside throughout the winter. The ER is being framed and roughed in with electrical and mechanical equipment. Construction will start this week on the “curtain wall” that will be the feature wall at the front entrance of the new building.

Installation of the new storm lines and storm water retention tanks is proceeding on schedule. The construction associated with this installation has been taking place to the west of the current ER entrance.

We want to thank everyone who works at or visits VJH for being so patient as we make these improvements to the hospital campus. We hope the work will be done by the end of October.



VJH Patient Care Tower, views from the northeast and southeast on September 29, 2009