



# Cariboo Memorial Hospital Redevelopment

The redevelopment of Cariboo Memorial Hospital (CMH) represents a significant investment in health care infrastructure in the Cariboo Chilcotin region. At more than 100,000 square feet, the project includes a three storey addition and extensive renovations that will expand services and introduce modern clinical environments designed to support the future of rural health care delivery.

From brand new departments and expanded capacity to dedicated staff spaces and culturally inclusive design features, the redevelopment will create a more modern, supportive, and patient-centred care environment while helping strengthen recruitment, retention, and the overall experience at CMH.

*The redevelopment is being delivered in phases, with Phase 1 scheduled for completion in 2027 and Phase 2 anticipated to be complete in 2029.*

## THE PROJECT WILL INCLUDE

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- ▶ Expanded emergency, inpatient, and specialized care services.
- ▶ Enhanced oncology, ambulatory, maternity, and women's health programs.
- ▶ Dedicated mental health and substance use inpatient unit.
- ▶ Largest pharmacy in the Interior Health region.
- ▶ Advanced technology and digital health infrastructure.
- ▶ Enhanced cultural, healing, and Indigenous wellness spaces.
- ▶ Academic teaching space for the UBC Faculty of Medicine.
- ▶ New retail amenities, including a gift shop and coffee shop.
- ▶ Expanded parking and visitor amenities.

## Modern Technology & Acute Care

Modern clinical technology throughout the hospital will allow teams to collaborate more effectively with specialists outside Williams Lake, including pediatric consultations with BC Children's Hospital through upgraded video conferencing capabilities.

## New Emergency Department

The new emergency department will significantly expand care capacity, improve patient flow, and support more efficient delivery of emergency services for the region. The modernized space will enhance privacy, support interdisciplinary collaboration, and provide staff with updated technology and dedicated treatment areas to deliver high quality patient care.

### THE NEW EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT WILL FEATURE

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- 23 Treatment Spaces (Increase of 12)
- Two Trauma Treatment Bays, Two Specialized Procedure Rooms
- An Ambulance Carport, Plus a Separate Public Entrance
- Improved Patient Privacy with Solid Wall Treatment Spaces

The redevelopment also includes expanded inpatient capacity with a new medical and surgical inpatient unit, isolation and seclusion rooms, additional clean supply and medication spaces, dedicated counselling and interview spaces, and improved rehabilitation areas.

**Did you know?** The new pharmacy at CMH will be the **largest pharmacy in the IH region**, supporting expanded services and modern medication management for patients across the area.



## Supporting Families Through Care

Expanded maternity and women's health spaces will introduce four single occupancy labour, delivery, and postpartum rooms where families can remain together throughout their care journey. Each room includes private washrooms, bathtubs, showers, natural light, and dedicated space designed to create a calmer and more comfortable environment for patients and families.

### THE NEW MATERNITY UNIT WILL FEATURE

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- ▶ Two Nursery Rooms
- ▶ Two Women's Health Beds in Private Rooms
- ▶ Four Labour and Delivery / Postpartum Rooms
- ▶ Dedicated Breastfeeding and Triage Spaces
- ▶ Multipurpose Family Rooms
- ▶ Enhanced Physician and Educator Support Spaces

One unique feature of the redevelopment will allow families to celebrate the birth of a new baby by activating coloured lights and chimes throughout the building, creating moments of connection and celebration for staff, patients, and the broader community.



## Indigenous Cultural Inclusion & Healing

Construction teams and Nation partners gathered for traditional smudging and blessing ceremonies as part of the project, with drumming and song accompanying the cleansing of three floors using sage, cedar, juniper, and water.

Work paused to allow the ceremony to take place, reflecting the importance of bringing good medicine, cultural safety, and positive energy into the future hospital environment while releasing fear and uncertainty from the space.

Community members emphasized the meaning of being included as partners in the process and expressed appreciation that smudging will be supported in nearly all care spaces in the completed facility, reinforcing a commitment to Indigenous engagement and culturally safe, healing-centred care.

### THE HOSPITAL WILL INCLUDE

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- ▶ Indoor and Outdoor Smudging Spaces
- ▶ An Interfaith Sacred Space for Healing Practices
- ▶ Culturally Informed Design Elements Integrated Throughout the Facility
- ▶ New Office for Indigenous Patient Navigators



## Building for the Future

The redevelopment of Cariboo Memorial Hospital reflects a long-term investment in modern, sustainable, and people centred health care for the Cariboo region. Beyond expanded clinical services, the new hospital has been designed to improve the everyday experience for patients, families, and staff through thoughtful spaces, natural light, and enhanced amenities.

### ENHANCED PATIENT AND FAMILY AMENITIES

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The hospital will include new amenities designed to improve the overall experience for patients, families, and visitors. These include a new gift shop, retail space, and coffee shop, providing convenient access to everyday needs and creating welcoming spaces within the hospital environment.

### A MODERN, SUPPORTIVE CARE ENVIRONMENT

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Across the facility, improved workflows, updated infrastructure, and thoughtfully designed spaces will support more efficient care delivery and stronger collaboration between teams. Together, these features help create a modern hospital environment that better supports recruitment, retention, and the long-term delivery of high quality care in the region.

### STAFF SPACES DESIGNED FOR WELL-BEING

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New staff areas throughout the hospital prioritize comfort, collaboration, and natural light. Staff lounges have been designed with windows wherever possible, creating bright, restorative spaces that support wellbeing during demanding clinical work. Dedicated physician on call rooms, education spaces, and improved team areas further support rest, learning, and interdisciplinary collaboration.



