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### **Tenders for Temporary Clinic Queen Charlotte/Haida Gwaii Hospital released**

Northern Health has issued a tender to renovate the temporary space selected for the medical clinic and community health services during construction on the Queen Charlotte/Haida Gwaii Hospital Replacement project. The temporary clinic will ensure continued access to services during construction of the new hospital, including the physician medical clinic, public health, infant development, diabetes outreach, speech and language services, dietician, visiting specialists clinic, and physiotherapy services.

Renovations to the space include hazardous material remediation, demolition of current interior walls and installation of new partitions. Once the new Queen Charlotte/Haida Gwaii Hospital is completed in 2015, these services will be permanently housed in the new facility

“Moving the clinic is an important milestone for the project,” said Carol Kulesha, mayor of the Village of Queen Charlotte and North West Regional Hospital District vice-chair. “Releasing the tender to proceed makes this project very real for our island community.”

Site preparation is a separate contract and is also currently being tendered. Site preparation work will protect the existing hospital, relocate a number of out-buildings and otherwise prepare the site for construction. This work is expected to start in the winter of 2013 and finish by the late spring of 2013.

“Having the temporary clinic up and running will allow staff and physicians to continue providing high-quality service to residents of Haida Gwaii,” said Sheila Gordon-Payne, Northern Health’s northwest health service administrator.

The competitive selection process to select a Design-Builder to deliver the Queen Charlotte/Haida Gwaii Hospital Replacement continues. Northern Health expects to choose a Preferred Proponent and award a contract in summer 2013, with design-build activities commencing shortly afterwards.

The Queen Charlotte/Haida Gwaii Hospital Replacement project was announced by government on April 12, 2012. The total project will cost approximately \$50 million. Construction is anticipated to be completed by the fall of 2015.

More information on the site preparation contract is available at: [bcbid.ca](http://bcbid.ca)

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