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100-DAY COUNTDOWN TO PATIENT CARE AT ROYAL JUBILEE

VICTORIA – Today begins the 100-day countdown to patient care at the Royal Jubilee Hospital Patient Care Centre. Local MLA Ida Chong was joined by the Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA) and Capital Regional Hospital District (CRHD) to celebrate this exciting milestone.

“The Patient Care Centre at Royal Jubilee Hospital marks a \$349-million investment in the health and well-being of British Columbians,” said Ida Chong, MLA for Oak Bay and Gordon Head. “In 100 days’ time, patients, staff and visitors of this facility will experience first-hand the highest standards in infection prevention and control, medical technology and health-care design.”

“We couldn’t be more excited to put this state-of-the-art facility to use,” said Jac Kreut, VIHA board chair. “Patient-centred design elements such as ceiling-mounted lifts, a standardized layout and increased accessibility mean staff have more time to do what they do best: care for patients.”

The Patient Care Centre (PCC) will lead health care in three very important areas: patient care, staff engagement and the environment. Its elder-friendly and patient-centred design will provide a safer acute-care environment for VIHA’s growing, aging population.

With over 80 per cent single rooms, the PCC offers enhanced privacy, confidentiality, comfort and infection control. Its ergonomic design and use of best practices mean the PCC will attract and retain the very best in health-care professionals, while natural light, fresh air and green spaces make this LEED Gold-certified building one of the most environmentally responsible hospitals in the world.

“We are preparing for the future,” said Graham Hill, CRHD chair and mayor of View Royal. “The PCC represents an important investment and is a commitment to providing our communities with the best health care possible for years to come.”

The PCC is a public-private partnership between VIHA and ISL Health. ISL is responsible for the design, building, financing and maintenance of the world-class facility. VIHA will retain ownership of the building and provide all health and medical services.

Construction of the new facility is on schedule for completion in December 2010. Patients will begin moving in on March 12, 2011.

Over the next three years, British Columbia's health-care system will benefit from investments such as the PCC as part of a \$2.3-billion, health-sector capital plan.

For more information on the project, visit: www.viha.ca/patient_care_centre/

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