

Royal Inland Hospital Clinical Services Building Project



"Patients, and their families, as well as the health professionals who provide the care will benefit from the redevelopment. Expanded space, onsite parking and much-improved access to the facility are features of the first phase in the redevelopment of Royal Inland Hospital."

– Terry Lake, Minister of Health

- Innovation: Bidders compete to propose the most creative and cost-effective way to deliver a project and the bidder with the best proposal is awarded the contract. The competitive nature of the process incents bidders to propose more innovative designs than what might have been achieved if government prescribed its own design.

Project Overview

Royal Inland Hospital is being redeveloped to meet the growing and changing needs of families throughout the interior. The hospital serves not only the Kamloops area, but patients and families throughout the Thompson, Cariboo and Shuswap regions, from Merritt to Lillooet, and Williams Lake to Salmon Arm.

The first phase of the redevelopment includes the design and construction of the Clinical Services Building. The Clinical Services Building will feature an expanded and enhanced space for medical outpatient services, such as IV therapy, as well as the vascular improvement program, lab, community respiratory therapy, pre-surgical screening, cardiology and neurodiagnostics. The Clinical Services Building will also include clinical education program space and the UBC medical school. Site access will be improved with up to 350 additional parking stalls and a pedestrian bridge link connecting the new building to the main hospital.

The total project cost is approximately \$79.8 million, and will be shared between the Province and the Thompson Regional Hospital District. Construction is underway, and is expected to take two years to complete.

The Royal Inland Hospital Clinical Services Building project will create an estimated 280 jobs in direct employment, and an additional 235 jobs in supplier industries. All clinical services will continue to be funded by the Province and delivered by Interior Health.

Partnership Highlights

During the design and construction of the facility, Interior Health will make monthly progress payments to the Design-Builder. The amount, timing and terms and conditions of those payments are set out in the Design-Build Agreement. Any costs in excess of the fixed-price agreement are the responsibility of the Design-Builder, protecting the taxpayer from cost overruns.

Expected Benefits

Integrating design and construction, enabling effective risk transfer and implementing a fixed-priced contract creates certainty that the project will be delivered on time and on budget.

Benefits of using a Design-Build approach include:

- **Responsibility:** Responsibility for cost overruns and schedule delays rest with the private partner, not the taxpayer.
- **Integration:** The private partner is responsible for the design and construction of the facility, creating opportunities and incentives to optimize integration of these functions.
- **Certainty:** Taxpayers know they are going to get a project that is delivered on time and on budget through a pay-for-performance contract.

Public Sector Partners

- Ministry of Health
- Interior Health Authority
- Thompson Regional Hospital District

Private Sector Partner

Bird Construction Inc. with design partner Kasian Architecture

Partnerships BC's Role

Partnerships BC managed the competitive selection process for this project.

Partnerships BC serves its clients through the planning, delivery and oversight of major infrastructure projects such as hospitals, roads, bridges and accommodations projects.

