

UPDATE ON NORTH ISLAND HOSPITAL PROJECT



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Construction work is well underway on the Courtenay and Campbell River hospitals, known as the **North Island Hospital Project (NIHP)**. A new \$331.7 million, 39,826-square-metre, 153-bed hospital will be built in the Comox Valley and a new \$274.5 million, 32,316-square-metre, 95-bed hospital will be built in



North Island Hospitals Project via Campbell River Webcam

Campbell River.

The North Island Hospital Project cost was estimated at \$600 million in 2012. The actual fixed-price contract negotiated between **Island Health and Tandem Health Partners** is \$606.2 million to design, build, partially finance and maintain the two new hospitals. The **Comox**

Strathcona Regional Hospital District will be contributing 40% to the overall project. Construction of the new hospitals will create an estimated 800 direct and 700 indirect jobs from 2014 through 2017.

The Comox Valley Hospital is scheduled for completion in 2017 and will include 153 acute care beds that will accommodate in-patient units, intensive care units, telemetry, pediatrics, labour and delivery rooms, Aboriginal maternal health, and psychiatry. The Courtenay Hospital will also include additional space for operating rooms, surgical daycare, post-anesthetic recovery rooms, procedure rooms,

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chemotherapy treatment, medical daycare and 31 spaces for emergency patients. In addition, there will also be enhanced spaces for other areas.

The Campbell River Hospital's new addition will include 95-beds carefully designed to meet the needs of North Island residents. This hospital will include the following services: emergency, maternity services, orthopedic clinic, ambulatory procedures, cardio-pulmonary diagnostic services, operating rooms, surgical daycare, telemetry, pediatric care, outpatient clinics,

chemotherapy and medical daycare, medical imaging (including MRI), rehab, pharmacy and laboratory services.

Initial design decisions for the Request for Proposals were made in direct consultation with over 20 user groups, including physicians, nurses, food services, laundry, house-keeping, and management. Consultation will continue after a proponent is selected to include user groups to make sure that they deliver evidence-based design.

North Island Hospitals Project has a well designed website that contains

details about the hospitals, along with information and videos. It will allow visitors to see construction on an ongoing basis through their webcams:

Campbell River Hospital Site Webcam: <http://nihp.viha.ca/campbell-river/campbell-river-webcam/>

Comox Valley Hospital Site Webcam: <http://nihp.viha.ca/campbell-river/campbell-river-webcam/>

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