

PROJECT UPDATE DECEMBER 2022



Happy holidays!

We wish you and your loved ones a happy holiday season and all the best for 2023!

2022 in review

It was a busy year for the Royal Columbian Hospital redevelopment project:

- On the construction site for our new acute care tower we poured 72,000 tonnes of concrete and installed 3,270 tonnes of rebar.
- Individuals and teams from across the hospital have been involved in drafting plans that will guide how staff will work in the larger space.
- We have started to prepare staff to use new technology so they can be familiar with new systems before they move into the tower in 2025.

- Move planning is underway since it will require attention to detail to move patients, equipment and staff into the new building while maintaining operations.

These accomplishments and more would not have been possible without support from patients, staff, medical staff and our construction and community partners. Thank you to everyone involved in building the future of care at Royal Columbian.

Jim Pattison Acute Care Tower



(Left to right: Jeff Norris, CEO, Royal Columbian Hospital Foundation; Dr. Sukh Brar; Jim Pattison; and, Chief Rhonda Larrabee, Qayqayt First Nation)

Fraser Health is grateful for a \$30 million donation from renowned Canadian philanthropist and business leader Jim Pattison to the Royal Columbian Hospital Foundation. The donation, the largest in the region's history, will go towards the new acute care tower. In recognition of this major donation, the tower will be known as the Jim Pattison Acute Care Tower. The announcement was made at a beam signing event with donors, staff, medical staff, and our construction partners. [Read more.](#)

Design and construction update



Construction of the acute care tower is now up to level ten, the top floor apart from the helipad. Our construction partners installed the tower's first window on level four, the critical care platform, earlier this month. Over the next several months, the four cranes on site will start to be disassembled as the building's exterior nears completion. The noise bylaw exemption to extend hours of construction activities for concrete finishing is currently in effect to January 31, 2023, excluding Sundays, the Fridays and Saturdays of long weekends, statutory holidays, and the period from December 24 to January 1, 2023. Thank you for your continued patience and understanding during construction. Check out more photos in our [photo and video gallery](#).

Did you know?

Most patient rooms in the new tower will have private bathrooms and ceiling lifts. There will be dedicated space for families in each patient room, including sleeper chairs or pull-out sofas.



Contact us

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We would like to recognize that we are conducting our business on the traditional, ancestral and unceded shared territories of the 'q̓w̓a:ŋ̓ ʔə́h̓ [Kwant-len] and Qayqayt [key-kite] First Nations, and home to the North Fraser Métis Association.

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