

PROJECT UPDATE DECEMBER 2023



Have a wonderful holiday season and best wishes for 2024. We will be taking a break from construction from 4 p.m. on December 22 until 7 a.m. on December 27 and from 4 p.m. on December 29 until 7 a.m. on January 2, 2024.

Year in review

We had another busy year on the project:

- Work is progressing well on the construction site for the Jim Pattison Acute Care Tower. In 2023, we installed 7,663 plumbing fixtures, 314 kilometres of electrical conduits and 7,537 tonnes of rebar.
- There are hundreds of construction workers on site every day. The average number of construction workers on site daily in November was 898.
- We held four working sessions with our Patient and Family Advisory Council to get their input on features that will make a difference to the patient experience, such as the colours of patient rooms, the names of units and wayfinding signs.
- We have more than a dozen projects in progress to help staff become familiar with using some of the new technology that will be going into the tower.
- We have started to recruit staff to fill the more than a thousand additional positions needed to run the new tower. Visit Fraser Health [Careers](#).

Thank you to all of our partners for helping us to accomplish so much this year.

See our latest time lapse [video](#).

New modular heliport installed



A new heliport has been installed on the roof of the Jim Pattison Acute Care Tower. The lightweight aluminum helipad, designed by a company in The Netherlands, will open in 2025. The tower will be the hospital's tallest building, increasing the options for flight paths from many directions. The current heliport on the top of the Columbia Tower will continue to be used during construction and will remain as a back-up landing area after the opening of the tower.

Building to improve planetary health



Planetary health recognizes that human health and the health of our planet are inextricably linked. Our project team was recently featured for the work we are doing to support planetary health in all phases of the redevelopment project. [Read more.](#)

Love Our Planet - A planetary health holiday song

Get in the holiday spirit with a holiday song from the Royal Columbian Hospital Food Services Team.



Did you know?



Royal Columbian Hospital's Mental Health and Substance Use Wellness Centre, opened in 2020, was awarded [LEED \(Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design\)](#) Gold certification. This is a globally-recognized symbol of achievement in green building design. The Jim Pattison Acute Care Tower is also targeting LEED Gold certification.



Contact Us

Contact the project at RCHRedevelopment@FraserHealth.ca. Learn more on our [website](#)

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

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