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Redevelopment project approved for Medicine Hat hospital

Medicine Hat... Health and Wellness Minister Dave Hancock has announced government's authorization for the Palliser Health Region to proceed immediately with the first phase of a major reconstruction and expansion project at the Medicine Hat Regional Hospital to help alleviate clinical service pressures.

The project will include renovations and a new addition to the hospital based on priorities identified by the Palliser Health Region and Alberta Health and Wellness. Areas to be redeveloped in the first phase include the emergency department, the surgical suite, maternal newborn areas, inpatient areas and an expansion to the ambulatory area.

"This announcement is great news as it will involve significant changes that will help us better meet the health needs of our residents," said Carol Secondiak, Palliser Health Region board chair. "It will result in increased service capacity, more ambulatory services and will improve access and utilization of secondary level health services such as assessment, diagnosis, treatment and preventative services."

The project is a priority in government's 20-year capital plan announced Jan. 29.

"This project will help alleviate health region pressures while preparing for the future," said Rob Renner, MLA for Medicine Hat. "It will give residents improved access to the health services they need. This is a firm commitment by government to enhance care in the region over the long term."

"In addition to being a full service hospital for Medicine Hat and area residents, this redevelopment project will ensure the Medicine Hat Regional Hospital will continue playing a central role in delivering high quality services and programs to the citizens within the Palliser Health Region," said Len Mitzel, MLA for Cypress-Medicine Hat.

The exact scope of the phase one reconstruction and expansion project is being determined by government in consultation with the Palliser Health Region.

The Palliser Health Region is responsible for the health services of approximately 100,000 Alberta residents.

Providing capital funding for health infrastructure is part of Premier Ed Stelmach's plan to secure Alberta's future by building communities, greening our growth and creating opportunity.

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