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Health Capital Plan Phase One highlights 22 facilities

Work on Phase Two of Plan regarding Calgary and Edmonton continues

Edmonton... Health facility projects in several medium-sized cities and rural locations are moving ahead in Phase One of the Government of Alberta's 2010 - 13 Health Capital Plan. The plan will be rolled out in 2 phases and features commitments to accelerate expansion in priority capacity areas and keep critical ongoing projects on track.

Altogether, 22 facility projects in 15 communities are included Phase One of the Health Capital Plan. These projects reflect more than \$1.4 billion in total provincial support. That total covers the planning, design and construction process of these projects. Phase One also includes an additional \$1 billion for facility maintenance, facility transition initiatives, and technology and equipment purchases and replacement.

"Visiting facilities around the province and talking to patients, health care providers and planners was time well spent," said Health and Wellness Minister Gene Zwozdesky, who personally visited 45 locations.

"These projects contribute directly to helping fulfill our Premier's vision of having the best-performing publicly funded health system in Canada," said Zwozdesky. "Now we need to conclude consultations with health professionals and administrators in Edmonton and Calgary so we can roll-out Phase Two of our Health Capital Plan."

"We are focused on building the right facilities, in the right part of the province, that meet community health care needs now and into the future," said Ray Danyluk, Minister of Infrastructure. "We will deliver leading edge health care facilities that are highly functional and accessible, to support the delivery of top quality health care services in Alberta."

A few of the highlights from Phase One of the Health Capital Plan include:

1. \$200 million (approx.) total provincial support for redevelopment of the Medicine Hat Regional Hospital, which will begin immediately. This total includes \$43.5 million out of the 2010-13 Plan, which is an increase of \$33.5 million from the 2009-12 Plan in order to accelerate the project.
 - Phase One of the redevelopment will include renovations to create additional ambulatory treatment space.
 - Planning and preparations for the larger redevelopment will continue. That redevelopment will focus on improvements to ambulatory care, maternity services, emergency department and operating rooms. Construction is anticipated to begin in Summer 2011 and conclude in 2013.
2. \$108 million to build a new health centre in Edson. This total includes \$73 million allocated out of the 2010-13 Plan, which is an increase of \$70 million from the 2009-12 Plan in order to build a new facility rather than upgrading the current facility. Construction is anticipated to start in Spring 2012 and be completed in Spring 2014.
 - The health centre will be built on a new site to provide health care services and programs to meet the needs of the community, including acute care, emergency and outpatient services. Community care services (such as mental health, addictions treatment, newborn follow up, etc.) will be consolidated and expanded.
3. \$90 million to build a new health centre in High Prairie to replace the existing complex and the J.B. Wood Nursing Home. The \$90 million includes an increase of \$26.2 million to reflect the new estimate for the total cost of the project. \$31.6 million in funding is provided in the 2010-13 Plan. Construction is anticipated to begin in Spring 2011 and be completed in Spring 2013.
 - The new High Prairie Health Centre will be built on a new site and will include a wide range of health services such as acute care, continuing care and community health programs.

4. \$520 million to build a new regional hospital in Grande Prairie, which will include a state-of-the-art cancer centre. This funding will provide:

- a 200 acute-care bed regional hospital built on a new site near the Grande Prairie Regional College;
 - the Grande Prairie Cancer Centre project, complete with two cancer radiation vaults; and
 - a health workforce training component in partnership with the Grande Prairie Regional College.
- Soil testing and site work will begin as soon as possible. Construction of the new hospital is anticipated to begin in 2011 and some health care services at the new facility should be available by late fall 2014.
 - Renovations already underway at the existing Queen Elizabeth II hospital, where about 150 beds are currently in use, will continue.

(See backgrounder for additional facility projects and locations)

The 3-year Health Capital Plan also includes an additional \$375 million for vaccines, health system development, diagnostic imaging strategy and electronic health records.

Phase Two of the 2010 - 2013 Health Capital Plan will include details of projects in Calgary and Edmonton that are part of the 3 year plan.

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Backgrounder: Project by project breakdown

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Phase One 3-Year Health Capital Plan 2010-2013 (not including Calgary and Edmonton)

Location	Project Name and Description	2010-2013 Capital Plan 3-Year Total	Total Provincial Cost
COCHRANE	Cochrane Health Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New community health centre • First group of move ins will be December 2010. The 2nd group will be spring of 2011. 	\$12,300,000	\$12,800,000
EDSON	Edson Healthcare Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New healthcare facility 	\$73,440,000	\$108,047,000
FORT MCMURRAY	Community Health Centres <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community health centres in Thickwood and Timberlea communities - <i>in planning phase</i> • \$22.6 million previously flowed; \$5.6 M still to be flowed 	Funding allocated previously	\$28,200,000
FORT MCMURRAY	Northern Lights Regional Health Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renovations for ambulatory care and emergency departments - <i>under construction</i> • \$6.0 million previously flowed 	Funding allocated previously	\$6,000,000
FORT MCMURRAY	Northern Lights Regional Health Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replacement of sewer line and domestic hot water recirculation piping - <i>under construction</i> • \$4.5 million previously flowed 	Funding allocated previously	\$4,500,000
FORT SASKATCHEWAN	Fort Saskatchewan Health Centre - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replacement facility - <i>under construction</i> 	\$39,000,000	\$87,000,000
GRANDE PRAIRIE	Grande Prairie Hospital <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of a new 200 bed hospital including the new cancer centre 	\$135,400,000	\$520,000,000
GRANDE PRAIRIE	Queen Elizabeth II Hospital- Endoscopy and Emergency Room Upgrades <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renovations to upgrade existing emergency room and endoscopy suite - <i>under construction</i> • \$9.0 million previously flowed 	Funding allocated previously	\$9,000,000
HIGH PRAIRIE	High Prairie Health Complex <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replacement of the existing High Prairie Health Complex and the J. B. Wood Nursing Home 	\$31,675,000	\$89,831,000
LETHBRIDGE	Chinook Regional Hospital - Chest Pain Unit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renovations for chest pain unit - <i>in design phase</i> • \$1.25 million previously flowed 	Funding previously allocated	\$1,247,000

LETHBRIDGE	Chinook Regional Hospital <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase I (\$10.0 million) Expand outpatient and ambulatory care- <i>in design phase</i> Subsequent phases - Redevelopment of existing health facility \$29.0 million previously flowed 	Funding allocated previously	\$112,736,000
LETHBRIDGE	Chinook Regional Hospital - Cancer Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New addition for cancer care services - <i>complete. Opened June 2010</i> \$29.5 million previously flowed 	Funding allocated previously	\$29,514,000
LLOYDMINSTER	Dr. Cooke Extended Care Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction of a new continuing care centre 	\$10,200,000	\$34,200,000
LLOYDMINSTER	Thorpe Recovery Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New addictions treatment centre \$10.0 million previously flowed 	Funding allocated previously	\$10,000,000
MEDICINE HAT	Medicine Hat Regional Hospital - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Redevelopment and expansion including ambulatory care and endoscopy. Planning and construction of the larger redevelopment project 	\$43,500,000	\$199,816,000
PEACE RIVER	New Medical Centre - Tenant (Leasehold) Improvements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contribution to a new health clinic 	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
RED DEER	Red Deer Regional Hospital - Expand the Central Alberta Associate Cancer Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expansion and redevelopment for radiation therapy - <i>in design with construction starting later this year</i> 	\$42,800,000	\$46,000,000
RED DEER	Michener Hill Village <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New continuing care facility - <i>construction scheduled to be completed end of July.</i> \$21.55 million previously flowed 	Funding allocated previously	\$21,551,000
SHERWOOD PARK	Strathcona Hospital Phase 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New facility for ambulatory and emergency care - <i>under construction</i> 	\$30,630,000	\$57,600,000
ST. ALBERT	Sturgeon Community Hospital <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand and redevelop ambulatory care and the emergency departments - <i>under construction</i> 	\$21,569,000	\$43,400,000
STONY PLAIN	Good Samaritan Care Centre - Replacement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New continuing care facility to replace existing - <i>under construction</i> 	\$700,000	\$14,700,000
STRATHMORE	Continuing Care Facility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New continuing care facility 	\$10,000,000	\$17,500,000
Various	Lethbridge, Red Deer and Grande Prairie <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Radiation therapy equipment for the three cancer expansion projects 	\$21,069,000	\$34,069,000
PROVINCE-WIDE	Various Buildings - Studies and Evaluation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reserve for facility evaluations, business cases, programming studies and building performance evaluation 	\$14,340,000	\$14,340,000

PROVINCE-WIDE	Various Buildings - Maintenance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Block funding to preserve and maintain existing health facilities 	\$209,000,000	\$209,000,000
PROVINCE-WIDE	Various Buildings - Facility Delivery Change <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To commence essential capital initiatives in response to the Provincial Service Delivery Review 	\$105,437,000	\$565,500,000
PROVINCE-WIDE	Various Buildings - Technology and Equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replace and upgrade aging and obsolete medical equipment and technology for the next five years 	\$75,000,000	\$75,000,000
PROVINCE-WIDE	Public Health Security and Safety Upgrade Initiative. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Infection prevention and control (e.g. Improve access to hand hygiene facilities and products) - under construction \$16.0 million previously flowed 	Funding allocated previously	\$16,000,000
PROVINCE-WIDE	Reducing and Avoiding Injury <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lifting and transfer equipment to reduce staff injuries and improve safety - under construction \$27.5 million previously flowed 	Funding allocated previously	\$27,500,000
Sub-total for Phase One Only (not including Edmonton & Calgary)		\$878,560,000	\$2.4 B (approx)
ADDITIONAL CAPITAL INVESTMENTS IN 3-YEAR HEALTH CAPITAL PLAN			
<i>(These investments are province-wide)</i>			
	Vaccines Inventory	\$150,966,000	
	Health Systems Development	\$ 90,000,000	
	Diagnostic Imaging Strategy	\$ 26,300,000	
	Electronic Health Records	\$107,800,000	
	Total "Additional" Capital Investments:	\$375,066,000	
	Subtotal for Phase One Projects above (not including Edmonton and Calgary):	\$878,560,000	
	Total for Phase One Only of 3-Year Health Capital Plan:	\$1,253,626,000	

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