

Arrow Lakes Hospital Emergency Department Redevelopment Project Update August 1, 2018

Interior Health awards contract for detailed design

NAKUSP – Interior Health is pleased to announce that Nelson-based Cover Architecture Collaborative Inc. has been selected to do the detailed design for the emergency department (ED) redevelopment project at Arrow Lakes Hospital.

Highlights of the project will include a dedicated triage area; two new trauma bays; renovated patient exam bays with improved privacy; new utility rooms; and an enclosed multi-purpose meeting room near the ED for family consultations or waiting space for family during trauma situations.

The scope of the project was determined through an initial planning and assessment phase funded by the West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District (WKBRHD), which included direct input from the hospital staff and physicians.

IH anticipates completion of design in the fall and will then release a tender for construction services. It will take approximately one year to complete the emergency department redevelopment from the start of construction. Work would take place in phases to ensure ongoing care is provided at the site. IH anticipates project completion in the winter of 2019/20.

The \$2.1 million project is being funded through the Province of BC/Interior Health and the WKBRHD.

The Arrow Lakes Hospital Foundation and the Arrow Lakes Health Care Auxiliary Society have also committed to supporting the project and are currently in discussions with Interior Health about opportunities to fund equipment for the new emergency department.