

Project update



Chief Project Officer Tom Sparrow, left, discusses upcoming site preparation work for the new Comox Valley Hospital at a neighbourhood information meeting January 30th at Queneesh Elementary School.

Comox Valley site preparation work to begin shortly

With site preparation work soon to be underway on the new Comox Valley Hospital site, members of the North Island Hospitals Project team hosted two community-based information meetings the last week of January in Courtenay.

The information meetings took place at Queneesh Elementary School on January 30th – next to the new hospital site – and at the Florence Filberg Centre on January 31st.

Site preparation work will include construction fencing, clearing and some landscaping of the 13.5-acre property. Trees will be harvested to make way for construction of the \$334 million, 153-bed, state-of-the-art hospital. An extensive landscaping effort will see more than 1,000 trees planted on the hospital site including Douglas fir, Sitka spruce, Western Red cedar, hemlock, pine and Dogwood. Pedestrian routes and playing fields in

the area will remain open until hospital construction, which is scheduled to begin in spring 2014. The NIHP team has established a School Advisory Committee including representatives from Queneesh Elementary School administration, the school's Parent Advisory Council (PAC) and School District 71 to address concerns including the safety of students and staff during construction.

Campbell River Hospital public info meeting coming



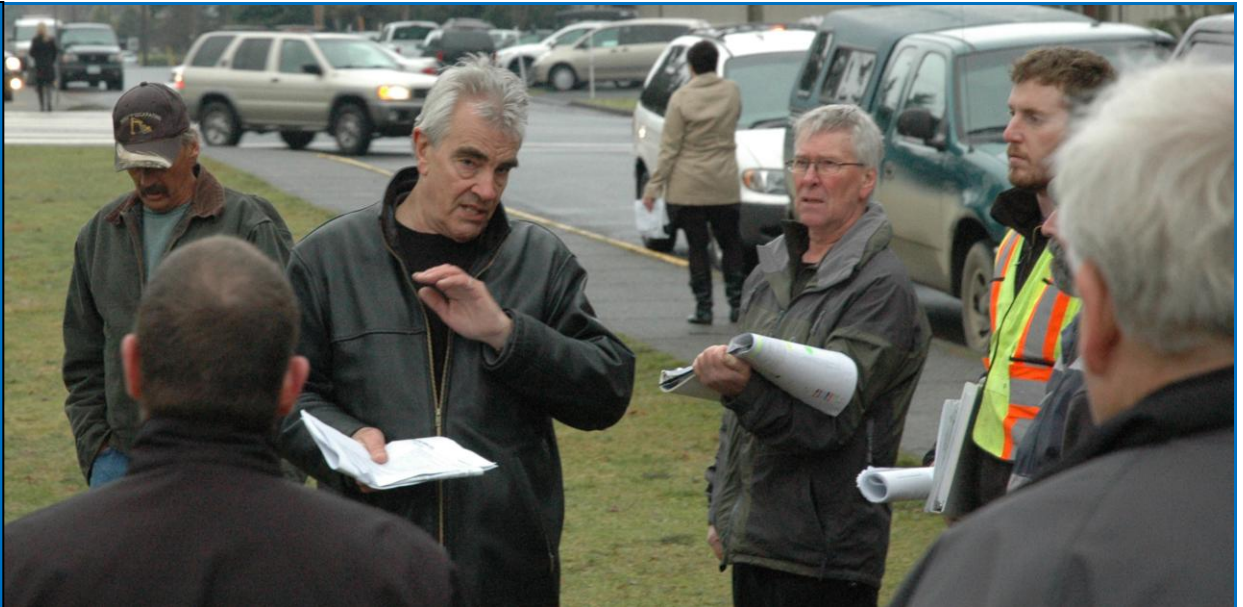
The next quarterly community information meeting will be held in Campbell River this month to provide an update on the project and the site preparation work which will be commencing soon.

The meeting takes place from 7-9 p.m., Thursday, February 21st, at the Maritime Heritage Centre. Key VIHA project staff will be on hand to provide information and answer questions.

Campbell River Hospital site preparation work is expected to begin as early as March 2013 for the new \$266 million,

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VIHA's Project Manager Ray Hunt, of InsideOut Planning and Architecture, centre, discusses site preparation work with potential contractors at the Campbell River Hospital site.



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95-bed hospital. Construction of the new hospital will take place on the same property, south of the existing facility. Initial site preparation work will include construction of a temporary parking lot to replace existing spaces that will be

eliminated during construction. A section of the Sunshine Wellness Centre will be deconstructed to make way for a new ambulance entrance. This will bring changes to traffic flow at the main hospital entrance on 2nd Avenue. Additional work will include fencing,

establishment of a project management office and deconstruction of the Community Care Building on Birch Street. The site preparation work is slated for completion by the end of November. Come out to our February 21st meeting to learn more.

Progress continuing on multiple fronts

Building two new state-of-the-art hospitals totaling \$600 million is an extremely complex process filled with a multitude of activities and timelines. Some of the most recent milestones and upcoming events include:

- The latest version of the Functional Program – which explains in detail how health care programs will be delivered in the new hospitals – has been forwarded to the provincial government for review. Consultations with user groups will continue during the next month.
- Leighton Contracting (2009) Ltd. of Courtenay was awarded the contract for site preparation work at the new Comox Valley Hospital site.
- Members of the North Island Hospitals Project Team held meetings with staff from the City of Courtenay and the City of Campbell River to coordinate

their respective working relationships in anticipation of the huge amount of interaction that will be required for complex construction projects of this size.

- Planning is underway for business-to-business meetings between project proponents and members of the local business communities. The events are expected to take place in both communities in late spring/early summer.
- The Vancouver Island Health Authority Board of Directors received a presentation from VIHA President and CEO Howard Waldner on the status of the Project at its public General Meeting in Courtenay on January 31st.

And that's just scratching the surface! To learn more please visit the North Island Hospitals Project page at www.viha.ca

“The hospital's planning is progressing very well. There have been some challenges but I continue to see significant improvement as we move forward. We are incorporating evidence-based design and innovation in all areas of health care delivery.”

- Dr. Jeff Beselt,
Campbell River
Chief of Medical
Staff