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Bird begins construction on new Kamloops Clinical Services Building

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Construction started May 2 on the Kamloops Royal Inland Hospital (RIH) Clinical Services Building, a \$79.8 million contract that was awarded to Bird Construction.

Bird has been named as the design builder for the new building and spent April preparing for the construction phase. The built-out is expected to take two years.



Health minister Terry Lake, Kamloops-South Thompson MLA Todd Stone, elected officials and staff and health care workers from RIH were on hand for the groundbreaking. Lake said the construction start marked the government's commitment to provide high-quality acute care and "is evidence of our commitment to the full redevelopment of Royal Inland Hospital."

On completion the Clinical Services Building will feature an expanded and enhanced space for medical outpatient services, such as IV therapy, as well as a vascular improvement program, lab, community respiratory therapy, pre-surgical screening, cardiology and neurodiagnostics.

The structure also includes diagnostic education program space, the UBC medical school and improved site access with additional parking stalls and a pedestrian ridge link connecting the new building to the main hospital.

The \$79.8 million cost will be shared by the province and the Thompson Regional Hospital District. The Royal Inland Hospital serves the Kamloops area but also draws patients from Merritt to Lillooet and Williams Lake to Salmon Arm.
