



# Stabilizing health-care services in North Vancouver Island

## Mobile CT Scanner - open for services

On December 6, 2023, the mobile CT scanner at the Port Hardy Hospital was officially put into service for patient scans following testing and staff training.

With the mobile CT scanner now operational, it means NVI residents have access to this important diagnostic imaging tool without having to leave their local community.

The scanner is available to the Port Hardy Hospital Emergency Room for emergent scans which is supporting necessary care in the community and reducing the need for transporting patients to other facilities.

The technology of the new machine is significant, particularly the image quality of the scans. The new machine has also increased potential interest in local NVI medical imaging roles.



The new mobile CT scanner unit inside the trailer parked on the mobile CT pad (see next image)



The mobile CT scanner trailer parked on the pad at PHH

The mobile unit is located at the Port Hardy Hospital on the mobile CT scanner pad. Island Health partnered with local K'awat'si Construction to deliver the Mobile CT pad project. The project successfully completed on time and budget in November 2023.

As outlined previously, the mobile CT scanner will split time between Port Hardy and Victoria. The scheduled dates for the mobile CT scanner at the Port Hardy Hospital are as follows:

- December 06, 2023 - January 19, 2024
- March 11, 2024 - April 12, 2024
- June 03, 2024 - July 05, 2024
- August 26, 2024 - September 27, 2024
- November 18, 2024 - December 20, 2024



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### Capital Modernization Projects

Renderings for the expansion and updates to the Port Hardy and Port McNeill hospitals have been completed. These renderings are concepts and indicate the starting point to share ideas and gather feedback to get a better idea of what works, what doesn't and what may have been overlooked.

These renderings play a key role within the initial design process, capturing a realistic visual outcome for both Port McNeill and Port Hardy sites. Currently, the project team is initiating next steps in the project lifecycle; design development, contractor procurement and moving into construction, as well as establishing and finalizing timelines and communications (to both the staff and public).

With the recent completion of the Mobile CT Pad in Port Hardy, the initial capital phase of the NVI Stabilization Project Deliverables are complete.

Anticipated construction timeline for the modernization phase will begin in Fall 2024, with estimated completion in 2027. This timeline will be influenced by Contractor availability and supply chain.

Please see the following page for renderings of the expansion and updates to the Port Hardy (left) and Port McNeill (right) hospitals.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP!

Significant progress and work continues in North Vancouver Island. We are committed to providing future updates to ensure that local residents, First Nations communities and community leaders are aware of the ongoing progress and results of this important investment.

If you have any questions or would like more information regarding any of the initiatives and progress outlined in this newsletter, please don't hesitate to contact us, as we would be more than happy to discuss further.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year!

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