

## **Programs and Services in the New Hospital**

### **How much larger will the redeveloped hospital be?**

- The existing Stanton Territorial Hospital was constructed in 1988 and is approximately 13,300m<sup>2</sup> in area.
- The New Stanton Territorial Hospital will begin construction in the 2015/2016 fiscal year and will be over 26,000m<sup>2</sup> in area.

### **Will certain areas or services be closed during the construction process?**

- All essential services will continue to be provided throughout the construction process.
- As a new building is being constructed this allows for a transition of services to the new hospital following completion of construction

### **Will the P3 result in some health services at Stanton being privatized?**

- No. P3s do not involve privatization of essential services.
- Private sector partners may deliver non-clinical services; however, they must meet performance-based standards that are detailed in the contractual agreement.

### **Will health care services currently provided by Stanton change through the P3 agreement?**

- No. The responsibility and delivery of health care services will remain with Stanton, and the type of clinical and medical services will not change as a result of the agreement.
- The Strategic Plans for the Department of Health and Social Services and Stanton Territorial Health Authority are still the guiding documents for programs and services.
- The renewal project will vastly improve the delivery of health care services at the hospital overall. For example, we currently provide ambulatory care and emergency care, and we are going to continue providing those services. However, the renewal project is going to result in completely new, larger, and purpose-designed spaces for those programs, which will allow service delivery to be much more efficient and effective.

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### **Will patients have to pay for medical services?**

- No. Anyone covered by a territorial or provincial medical services plan will not have to pay out of pocket.

### **What does the Renewal Project include?**

- Replacement of all inpatient beds with newly constructed single patient rooms
- A new and larger emergency department:
- A bigger and better equipped medical laboratory
- Additional space for diagnostic imaging
- Enhanced medical technology throughout the hospital to improve quality of care and clinical efficacy
- More space for surgery and day procedures
- Additional space for ambulatory care including specialist clinics, medical day care and dialysis
- More space for support services such as sterile reprocessing and biomedical engineering
- More inpatient bedrooms
  - The current facility has 80 inpatient beds (including Extended Care)
  - The new facility will have 100 inpatient beds, plus an 18 bed Extended Care Facility separate from the hospital.

### **Will the new Hospital have Extended Care Beds?**

- No. The type of facility required for Extended Care (EC) is significantly different from a hospital setting, to ensure that a home-like environment is provided for residents.
- A separate new Territorial Extended Care Facility has been included in 2016/17 GNWT Capital Plan.
- Currently there are 10 EC beds in Stanton. The new EC facility will have 16 beds, plus 2 additional beds (a respite bed and a palliative care bed)

### **How will the design benefit health professionals and ensure safety and security?**

- The design will strategically incorporate best practice and industry standards to provide a safer environment for both staff and patients.

### **How long will the new hospital be expected to effectively last?**

- Stanton Hospital is the largest health care facility in the Northwest Territories and provides acute, secondary, tertiary and other specialized health care services to all residents of the Northwest Territories and the Kitikmeot Region of Nunavut.
- The project is based on a resident population of up to 60,000, which is projected to be reached in the NWT and Kitikmeot by about 2045.

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- The new facility is expected to be useable until at least that time and provide the potential to accommodate future retrofits and expansion of health care service on the site.

### **Will there be an Aboriginal Wellness Centre?**

- The Department and STHA have planned for the continued delivery of existing Aboriginal wellness programs within the hospital as part of the technical and program renewal of Stanton.
- However, some aspects of Aboriginal wellness cannot be accommodated within the walls of an acute care hospital due to building code and safety requirements. We are committed to exploring the need for a stand-alone wellness centre, outside the walls of the acute care hospital that could accommodate traditional activities, and act as a gathering place for patients, family and friends.
- The Department is concurrently engaging experts to develop an operational plan to support the development of a Territorial Aboriginal Wellness Centre that is part of the Stanton Territorial Hospital campus.

### **Do I still need to go south for some medical services?**

- Yes. The type of services provided at Stanton is not changing as part of the renewal; however, there is a process in place to regularly review the number of patients who need particular medical services and the cost/benefit of providing those services at Stanton. So while the current project will provide space for future use, additional types of services are outside the scope of the renewal project.

### **What new features, enhancements or equipment will be brought in?**

- Medical equipment is replaced regularly, so newer equipment that is compatible with the new technology and building systems will continue to be used. Equipment that is outdated or in poor condition will be replaced.

### **Where Can I get more information about the Stanton Territorial Hospital Renewal Project?**

- For information about this project, please visit [www.stantonrenewal.ca](http://www.stantonrenewal.ca)

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