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### **ABBOTSFORD HOSPITAL AND BENNETT BRIDGE WIN NATIONAL AWARDS**

VICTORIA – Two of the Province’s public private partnership projects have won national awards from the Canadian Council for Public-Private Partnerships (CCPPP).

The Abbotsford Regional Hospital and Cancer Centre has been honoured with the Silver Award for Infrastructure. The Hospital and Cancer Centre, operated by the Fraser Health Authority and the B.C. Cancer Agency, was a partnership with AHA Access Health Abbotsford Ltd.

“I’d like to congratulate everyone involved in the Abbotsford Regional Hospital and Cancer Centre project,” said Health Services Minister George Abbott. “This award of excellence is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the public and private sector partners in delivering a world-class hospital and cancer centre to the residents of Abbotsford and the Fraser Valley.”

The Abbotsford Regional Hospital and Cancer Centre is the first new regional hospital to be opened in British Columbia in over 30 years and was completed on-time and on-budget. Since the facility commenced operations in late August, patients have benefited from new and specialized services – such as cancer treatment and neonatal intensive care – closer to home.

The William R. Bennett Bridge Project in Kelowna won the Silver Award for Infrastructure. The project was a partnership between SNC-Lavalin Inc. and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure. The new bridge was opened on budget and 108 days ahead of schedule. The five-lane structure, now fully operational, is relieving congestion along Highway 97, ensuring the safe, efficient movement of people and goods through a growing corridor in the Okanagan Valley.

"The William R. Bennett Bridge is a great example of what innovative thinking can achieve," said Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Kevin Falcon. "Thanks to the PPP approach the bridge was built 108 days ahead of schedule and on-budget, and is a tremendous transportation asset for the Okanagan."

The Canadian Council for Public-Private Partnerships is a national non-partisan, non-profit organization founded in 1993 to conduct research, publish findings and promote discussion of the benefits and risks of public-private partnerships in Canada and abroad. For more information, visit [www.pppcouncil.ca](http://www.pppcouncil.ca). The annual awards recognize innovation and excellence in the structuring and delivery of public private partnerships, an area in which B.C. continues to be a leader across North America.

B.C. currently has \$10 billion invested in more than 25 partnership projects, which includes \$5 billion of private capital. For more information on these projects, visit Partnerships BC at [www.partnershipsbc.ca](http://www.partnershipsbc.ca).

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