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ABBOTSFORD REGIONAL HOSPITAL AND CANCER CENTRE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NEW FACILITY

The Abbotsford Regional Hospital and Cancer Centre, expected to open in 2008, will provide residents of the Fraser Valley with increased access to acute and cancer care services in a state-of-the-art health care facility.

The new Abbotsford hospital will also act as a critically important regional referral hospital in Fraser Health's network of acute care services and a key hub in the provincial cancer control network operated by the BC Cancer Agency.

The Abbotsford Regional Hospital and Cancer Care Centre will provide Fraser Valley residents with a:

- State-of-the-art health care facility three times larger than the MSA Hospital.
- Cancer centre integrated within a hospital – the first of its kind in B.C.
- University-affiliated learning centre that will promote research and training and retention of health professionals.
- Patient-centred healing environment.

The hospital facility will provide broader services to patients than currently exist at the MSA Hospital, when and where they need it, including:

- An expanded higher capacity emergency department.
- Radiation therapy and chemotherapy.
- Specialized obstetrics and nursery care.
- MRI and nuclear medicine.
- Tertiary palliative care.
- Renal dialysis.

The hospital and cancer centre plans were developed in co-operation with the health care community and local government. Over 240 health care professionals have been involved in the design and service delivery of the facility to ensure that it meets both patient and staff needs with the best care and working environment possible.

Design features include:

- An environmentally-friendly facility with dedicated green space and access to gardens, views of Mt. Baker for all in-patient rooms and generous use of natural light throughout.
- An easy-to-navigate floor plan, providing ease of access and staff/patient movement.
- A single help desk for hospital patient and staff support services including information technology, laundry and security.

With more than 1,000 full time jobs, the new hospital and cancer centre will roughly double the number of jobs at the current MSA Hospital.

In addition, Access Health Abbotsford will provide:

- Approximately 500-600 new construction jobs.
- Approximately 220 additional facilities management jobs.

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