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“Main Entrance Reopens at Lloydminster Hospital”

Shiny new doors on the front of Lloydminster Hospital will be ready to receive patients, clients and visitors starting tomorrow.

“We are pleased that the main entrance to the hospital will reopen on July 7,” says Lloyd Bullock, PNHR Director of Environmental Services. “The main vestibule including the waiting room will be open to the public, and the temporary entrance will no longer be used.”

The redeveloped entranceway features automatic doors for easier accessibility and a new security desk for after-hours security personnel. “By making this space more functional and efficient, we’ve improved access to the facility, and increased safety and security for our patients, clients and staff,” says Bullock.

The next phase of construction includes removal of the glass dome and construction of a new roof over the vestibule and hospital mall area. The temporary entrance will be closed and converted back to office space. Construction will begin on a new day-admitting area. This entire phase will take approximately 5-6 weeks to complete.

“This third phase is where we will really see some significant changes to the outside of the building,” says Bullock. “Installation of the new roof will improve heat and energy conservation in the building.”

The multi-phase ER renovation project began in November 2010 to meet the most urgent and critical demands for expansion and improvement at Lloydminster Hospital.

The first phase of the project, which included the construction of a temporary main entranceway to the hospital, demolition of the Scheduling Department office and creation of a temporary waiting room, was completed in January. The project’s second phase included redevelopment of the main entrance, and development of a new doctors’ lounge and quiet room. The doctors’ lounge and quiet room were completed in May. The reopening of the main entrance concludes the second phase of renovations.

The entire renovation project is nearing the halfway point, with completion now tentatively scheduled for January 31, 2012. The original target for completion was November 2011 however, unexpected delays have been experienced, such as delayed material supplies. “As anyone who has ever embarked on a renovation project can tell you, there are bound to be some unforeseen issues to work around and solve,” explains Bullock. “Our priority is that the renovations be completed properly and safely.”

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