

## **SASKATCHEWAN HOSPITAL NORTH BATTLEFORD MEDIA BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

### **Saskatchewan Hospital North Battleford (SHNB) Services:**

- SHNB is Saskatchewan's only provincial psychiatric rehabilitation hospital and home to the province's Forensic Services program.
- Since opening in 1913, SHNB has been a fixture in North Battleford and a focal point for the assessment and treatment of individuals with complex psychiatric needs.
- The new and expanded building will enable more individuals with mental health issues to get timely, appropriate care, replacing long stays in acute care or multiple facilities in a community.
- Prairie North Health Region is responsible for rehabilitation programming and treatment planning in SHNB.

### **SHNB Building Facts:**

- At over 100 years old, SHNB has never been totally renovated and does not meet modern standards.
- There are no private rooms, and temperature control in both winter and summer is not adequate.
- Prairie North Health Region operates the hospital building on behalf of the Ministry of Health.
- A youth correctional centre is currently physically connected to SHNB, and there two other correctional centres on the SHNB grounds (operated by Corrections and Policing).

### **New SHNB Facility Planning To-Date:**

- A study commissioned in 2004 recommended that a new building be constructed to replace the aging structure.
- In August 2011, the government announced approval to replace SHNB and increase the number of beds from 156 to 188 beds for rehabilitation, forensics and reintegration.
- Three Lean 3P events have already taken place involving patients, families, Prairie North Health Region staff and representatives from the Ministry of Justice (Corrections and Policing).
  - The focus has been looking at ways to design a new hospital with a patient-first approach, ensuring health care providers can provide the best care possible.
  - The Lean 3P results will be incorporated into the plans for the new complex.
  - The 3P work also explored potential efficiencies and sharing of services to ensure the best possible complex, both from a design and programming standpoint.

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