

Backgrounder – Jim Pattison Children’s Hospital Grand Opening - September 5, 2019

Jim Pattison Children’s Hospital by the numbers

- JPCH has **176 patient rooms**, all of which are **100 per cent private**.
- There are **roughly 50 designated family spaces** located throughout the facility.
- Over **77,000 pieces of equipment and furniture** will have been moved into the hospital once it is open to patients.
- By the time the hospital opens to patients later this month, training and orientation of **more than 2,400 staff**, in addition to physicians, will have taken place since the Saskatchewan Health Authority received ownership of the building from Graham Construction this past spring.
- Children’s Emergency contains **10 private rooms, including two rooms** with mental health features, and is open 24 hours per day, seven days per week.
- The Teammates for Kids Child Life Zone is a **2,800 square foot therapeutic play area** for pediatric patients and their families. The Teammates for Kids Foundation was founded by Garth Brooks.
- The Leslie & Irene Dubé Centre of Care for Children Pediatric Outpatient Department will host clinics for general pediatrics, heart, cancer, speech and language, hearing and psychiatry, and has **three times** more exam space than the current pediatric outpatient department at Royal University Hospital. For ease in navigation, this area is divided into **four animal-themed pods**: Moose, Prairie Dog, Frog and Fox pods.
- There are **five graphical themes** within the hospital, one for each floor: The Forest (main floor), The Lake Region (Children’s Emergency), The North (Pediatrics), The Prairies (Maternal Care), New Seasons (NICU).
- In Day Medicine/Pediatric Oncology, there are **six individual treatment rooms** where children will receive chemotherapy and other infusion therapies while visiting as an outpatient or staying in hospital, as well as dedicated Family Consult Rooms, where families can meet with their child’s specialist.
- The second floor – Pediatrics – **has two units**: Pediatric Inpatients and Pediatric Intensive Care/High Acuity Unit. This floor contains **63 patient rooms**, all with private washrooms and a place for a parent to sleep.
- JPCH will include Saskatchewan’s **first-ever**, dedicated pediatric Sleep Lab, which will serve children living with sleep-related issues, with capacity for pediatric telemetry studies.
- There are **two fun rooms** for kids on the Pediatrics floor – the playroom caters to younger kids, and the teen lounge to older youth.
- There is **one outdoor patient play area** located on the second floor of the hospital, which caters to children with a wide range of mobility challenges.



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- The total capital cost for the hospital is \$285.9 million.
- The province provided about \$257 million in capital costs.
- The JPCH Foundation contributions totaled about \$75 million for capital costs, hospital equipment and furniture.

Timeline

- In 2009, the Government of Saskatchewan announces its \$200 million commitment to the building of a new maternal and children’s hospital for Saskatchewan, and planning of the new hospital began.
- In spring 2011, the early foundational design of the new hospital is shared publicly after extensive consultation with patients, families, staff and physicians. Detailed design of the new hospital begins.
- In 2011, site preparation for the new hospital begins, including demolition of a section of the RUH parkade while design of the new hospital was underway.
- In 2013, the concept of the new hospital is approved by the provincial government after an extensive design process that includes input from over 1,000 public members and 600 children and teenagers from across Saskatchewan, along with hundreds of staff and physicians. This significant engagement process through design resulted in a hospital made for Saskatchewan families by Saskatchewan families.
- Spring 2014 brings the announcement of the province investing an additional \$20 million in the new hospital to increase the number of beds in order to ensure it is built to support Saskatchewan’s growing population. The hospital design goes to tender for construction.
- On September 25, 2014, ground was officially broken for JPCH (then named Children’s Hospital of Saskatchewan), by Premier Brad Wall, a number of dignitaries and health care leaders supported by a crew of children and their families, equipped with plastic buckets and shovels, and construction of the hospital began
- In May 2017, the name of the hospital changed from Children’s Hospital of Saskatchewan when businessman and philanthropist Jim Pattison, originally from Luseland, Saskatchewan, announced a donation of \$50 million to the Children’s Hospital Foundation of Saskatchewan. In honour of the unprecedented gift, the new provincial hospital was renamed Jim Pattison Children’s Hospital, and the foundation was renamed the Jim Pattison Children’s Hospital Foundation.
- Over the past five years, more than 1.6 million hours of construction work have gone into building the Jim Pattison Children’s Hospital.
- In spring 2019, construction was completed and the Saskatchewan Health Authority received the “keys” to the building. Since then, the SHA has been working to complete the complex process of preparing the building and staff for its operational opening.



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