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Construction begins on new long-term care facility in Lantzville

The Nanaimo Regional Hospital District (NRHD) Board is celebrating the start of construction on a new long-term care facility in Lantzville, a significant milestone that will expand access to seniors' care services across the region.

The new six-storey facility will provide 298 long-term care beds, including an 18-bed hospice unit, helping address the growing demand for long-term care services in the Regional District of Nanaimo and across central Vancouver Island. The facility is expected to open in 2029.

The project is being delivered by Island Health in partnership with the NRHD and Province of British Columbia. The NRHD is contributing approximately \$114 million and the Province is contributing \$236 million toward the \$350 million project.

The new long-term care home will feature private rooms with ensuite bathrooms, home-like living environments, outdoor gathering spaces, an adult day program and a childcare centre designed to support intergenerational connections and community health services.

The start of construction builds on years of planning and collaboration among project partners. In 2020, Island Health identified a new long-term care facility as part of its regional planning process, and the NRHD subsequently identified the project as one of its five priority capital projects. In 2023, the NRHD purchased the Lantzville properties that now serves as the project site, with ownership transferred to Island Health in July 2026 to enable construction to proceed.

Quote

"This marks an important milestone for seniors, families and communities across our region. The NRHD has long advocated for increased long-term care capacity, and we are proud to have helped advance this project through our funding commitment and acquisition of the project site. This new facility will provide residents with high-quality care closer to home while helping strengthen the broader healthcare system for years to come."

Janice Perrino
Chair, Nanaimo Regional Hospital District

Key Points

- Construction is underway on a new long-term care home in Lantzville.
- The six-storey facility will provide 298 long-term care beds, including an 18-bed hospice unit.
- The facility will also include private rooms with ensuite bathrooms, adult day programs and a childcare centre.

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- The project is expected to be completed in 2029.
- The NRHD is contributing approximately \$114 million and the Province of British Columbia is contributing \$236 million toward the \$350 million project.

Quick Facts

- Island Health identified the need for a new long-term care facility through its regional planning process in 2020.
- The NRHD identified the project as one of its five priority capital projects.
- In August 2023, the NRHD purchased the properties at 6930 and 6910 Lantzville Road for the future facility site.
- Treasury Board approval for the project was confirmed in February 2026.
- The project cost increased from the original budget of approximately \$286 million to \$350 million, with additional provincial funding approved through Budget 2026.

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