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Tender released for Durand Manor expansion

GOLDEN – Interior Health is pleased to announce design plans for the renovations of Henry M. Durand Manor residential care home are complete, and a tender has now been issued for a general contractor.

“Renovations are drawing near for Durand Manor with today’s announcement of a general contractor tender,” said Parliamentary Secretary for Seniors Darryl Plecas. “Once complete, the facility will help support our goal of making sure seniors can stay close to family and friends and that they have a comfortable and expanded place to call home as they age.”

Durand Manor is an Interior Health owned and operated care home with 26 residential care beds and two short stay beds. After renovations, residents will have a larger, updated common space for gatherings and activities.

“We are very pleased to see the next step in this project moving forward,” said Erwin Malzer, IH Board Chair. “The renovations to Durand Manor will enhance the care we provide to seniors in the Golden area.”

This project will see the current multi-purpose building (known as the “round room”) demolished and rebuilt to more than twice the size. The new space is a 160 square metres (1,722 square feet) addition attached to the main Durand Manor facility and some additional renovations will take place to a portion of the main building in order to improve access between the two.

The new addition will feature a large multi-use space for family meetings, resident and community client activities, wheelchair-friendly washroom, hair/spa salon, staff and storage areas, and improved access to the secure outside garden area.

Funding for these renovations was made possible thanks to a significant donation by the estate of Annie Hammond – a long-time resident of Golden who passed away in 2002. Hammond stipulated her donation be used to create or enhance residences of senior citizens in her community. In consultation with her executors, Interior Health determined this important renovation for Durand Manor was a good project to honour Hammond’s contribution to local seniors.

The value of the original donation, plus accumulated interest, totals more than \$691,000 and will cover the \$630,000 project cost as well as additional equipment for the new space.

“We are very excited to see these renovations begin,” said Erica Phillips, Acute Health Services Administrator, East Kootenay. “The result of this project will offer significant improvements to the communal areas of Durand Manor, which are utilized by both residents and community clients.”

The tender for general contractor will close at the end of November and the successful proponent is expected to begin construction in December. The project is anticipated to be complete in the early summer of 2016.

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