

## **Enhancing health care services in Beaverlodge**

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The new Mountview Health Complex will provide 24-7 urgent care services to Beaverlodge and surrounding communities.

Alberta's government is committed to providing timely and accessible health care for all Albertans, recognizing the importance of ensuring rural communities have reliable access to essential services.

The new Mountview Health Complex will deliver critical health care services to Beaverlodge and surrounding areas, enhancing access to care and supporting the health needs of the community for generations to come.

Through Budget 2024, Alberta's government is investing \$25.2 million to replace the 68-year-old Beaverlodge Health Centre with a state-of-the-art facility. The new Mountview Health Complex will not only feature a 24-7 urgent care centre but also enhance access to a range of health services for residents.

"Beaverlodge and area residents should be able to receive the services they need close to home. This new complex will provide residents with round-the-clock access to care when and where they need it most."

*Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Health*

The Mountview Health Complex will include 32 inpatient beds, lab services, diagnostic imaging and emergency medical services. In addition to urgent care, the new facility will provide inpatient services for recovery, rehabilitation, restorative care and transitional care, helping bridge the gap between hospital care and home care.

Extensive consultations with the community, its leadership and stakeholders – including residents and local physicians – shaped the decision to include 24-7 urgent care services, ensuring the facility better meets the needs of Beaverlodge and surrounding areas.

"This new clinical services plan aligns with what we heard from the community, and we are confident that this model will continue to support the needs of our community."

*Ron Wiebe, MLA for Grande Prairie-Wapiti*

"Council and I are very pleased that the Mountview Health Complex will continue to serve our residents and those of the West County with the 24-7 health services they have become accustomed to."

*Gary Rycroft, Mayor, Town of Beaverlodge*

Culturally responsive practices will be incorporated into the design and service delivery of Mountview Health Complex, reflecting the voices and traditional knowledge of Indigenous communities.

With functional planning complete, the project has entered the design phase. Alberta Health Services, in collaboration with the Mountview Health Complex Committee, will continue to consult with residents and health care professionals as the project progresses. To keep the community informed, an in-person town hall will be held on Dec. 4 at 6 p.m. at the Beaverlodge Community Centre.

The facility is expected to open in 2028 and will be built on the 20 acres donated to the town by Doris McFarlane, a longtime community member and former nurse.

“Doris was committed to the continued provision of health care in Beaverlodge. She was never focused on what the facility would be called but rather the services to be provided to the community. We feel Doris would be pleased with the new complex and the 24-7 urgent care model.”

*Jim and Judy McFarlane, son and daughter-in-law of Doris McFarlane*

The Mountview Health Complex represents a significant investment in the future of Beaverlodge and surrounding communities, ensuring that future generations will have access to high-quality health care close to home.

## **Quick facts**

- The project is being developed by Landrex Inc., in partnership with the Town of Beaverlodge.
- Once completed, the facility will be leased by Alberta Health Services.

## **Related news**

- [Strengthening health care in Beaverlodge \(Dec. 11, 2023\)](#)

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