BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Selkirk Regional Health Centre

The Selkirk Regional Health Centre opened in the spring of 2017, serving Manitobans in the Selkirk area as well as the broader Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority (IERHA). More than double the physical size of the previous Selkirk hospital, the facility currently has 65 inpatient beds.

Manitoba's Clinical and Preventive Services Plan

Manitoba's Clinical and Preventive Services Plan will guide improvements to access, quality and patient outcomes for all Manitobans. Developed with the extensive input of health-care professionals, communities and members of the public, the plan represents the first time clinical providers have contributed to a provincial plan that will meet the unique needs of Manitoba communities.

The plan uses resources in smarter and more modern ways, using a network of hubs that are staffed and equipped to meet the needs of Manitoba patients. As a result of these investments, Manitobans will:

- wait less with improved access to specialized services, mental health supports and care for chronic illnesses;

- travel less with virtual appointments to many health-care providers;

- know where to go for care with reliable access to high-quality care closer to home; and

- have quick and reliable access to life-saving care in an emergency.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, several initiatives included in the plan were accelerated in order to support better care for Manitobans through expanded virtual care, secure online portals for test results and immunization information, and a provincial approach to increasing surgical and critical care capacity.

Other initiatives already announced as part of this commitment, the largest capital health investment in the province's history, include:

- $70-million investment to expand and renovate the Brandon Regional Health Centre and Western Manitoba Cancer Centre, establishing Brandon as Manitoba's intermediate hub for western Manitoba;

- construction of a $283-million, two-storey hospital in Portage la Prairie that offers more inpatient beds, expanded medical and surgical capacity and a modern emergency department;

- a $32-million expansion of Bethesda Regional Health Centre in Steinbach that will include additional acute care inpatient beds and expanded medical capacity including a new renal dialysis unit; and

- a $64.4-million expansion at Boundary Trails Health Centre in the Morden-Winkler area that will add acute care inpatient beds and provide more space for various outpatient programs to support the health-care needs of the two growing communities into the future.

These projects are the latest in Manitoba's commitment to providing better care sooner, which has included significant infrastructure investments at health facilities throughout the province, including the new Selkirk Regional Health Centre, Health Sciences Centre Women's Hospital in Winnipeg and new emergency departments in Flin Flon, Dauphin and at Winnipeg's Grace and St. Boniface hospitals.