

November 1, 2023

Dear Neighbors of UHNBC:

Re: Upcoming city bylaw variance permit

During the November 20 Regular Council Meeting, Prince George City Council will be discussing our application for a variance permit to allow construction of a large parkade on the grounds of the University Hospital of Northern British Columbia (UHNBC).

This new parkade will be eight stories with more than 470 stalls and be located next to the existing five-story, 300+ stall parkade between Lethbridge and Alward Streets. This will dramatically increase the ability for patients, visitors, and staff to find parking at UHNBC which will lead to better health outcomes. This added parking is also necessary to support future expansion work at UHNBC.

During the construction of the parkade, alternate off-site parking will be available to minimize the impact on the local neighbourhood.

While we recognize the new parkade will be quite a large structure and will cast shade on some nearby properties during the Winter afternoons, we hope that the benefits of improved access to UHNBC, and the future expansion work, outweigh such impacts.

Northern Health and the Ministry of Health are committed to ensuring that residents of Northern B.C. have timely access to acute, urgent, and primary care, and UHNBC is a key part of this commitment.

Thank you for your support for this much needed work to improve health care in Prince George and the region.

If you have questions or concerns regarding the variance permit application, please reach out directly to the City of Prince George (<https://www.princegeorge.ca/city-hall/contact-us>). For questions or more information about the UHNBC construction work, please email [letstalk@northernhealth.ca](mailto:letstalk@northernhealth.ca).