

Construction Begins at the Kordyban Lodge

The Canadian Cancer Society BC and Yukon together with local government representatives and supporters celebrated the start of construction on the Kordyban Lodge by breaking ground.



The 25,000 sq.ft., 36-bed lodge will serve cancer patients from communities throughout Northern BC by providing accommodation for individuals and their caregivers travelling to Prince George for treatment. The Lodge will be built on land that was donated by the City of Prince George in collaboration with School District 57 and the Ministry of Education.

Kordyban Lodge will provide full-meal services as well as other features to support patients, including a family room, the Novak Family

Spiritual and Meditation Room, the West Fraser Timber Lounge, Canfor Corporation and Canfor Pulp Lobby and Volunteer Reception Area, massage therapy room, library, activity room, and wig and prosthetics rooms. It will provide a compassionate and positive environment for people living with cancer in Northern BC and will reduce the economic and emotional cost of travel. This has been shown to enhance the quality of life during treatment and enhance patient outcomes.

The total capital cost of the Kordyban Lodge is expected to be \$10 million and will be the fourth Canadian Cancer Society Lodge in BC. The Kordyban Lodge is scheduled to open to patients at the same time as the BC Cancer Agency Centre for the North, in the fall of 2012.

The Canadian Cancer Society BC and Yukon Division's Chief Executive Officer, Barbara Kaminsky spoke at the ground breaking: "This is a remarkable moment to finally break ground on a project that is so very much needed. The community support throughout Northern BC has allowed us to make this day happen. Patients on a cancer journey in Northern BC will now be closer to home and closer to family."