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Castor receives new hospital equipment

CASTOR — An X-Ray unit for the Castor Our Lady of the Rosary Hospital is among some of the recent additions that will improve patient care at the facility.

Alberta Health Services, Alberta Health and Wellness and Alberta Infrastructure today provided an update on the recent health care Infrastructure Maintenance Program (IMP) and equipment purchases and commitments that total \$216,261 for the area. These projects and purchases will have been completed between April 2010 and March 2011 as part of an overall investment in health care facilities in Alberta.

“We are pleased to have committed these funds to the Castor community for the benefit of the people they serve,” says Doug Griffiths, MLA for Battle River-Wainwright constituency. “The investment demonstrates this government’s commitment to ensuring all Albertans have access to quality healthcare in a reasonable timeframe.”

In conjunction with Covenant Health in Castor, the investment over the past year ensures that the health care needs of the community are being met with the right services and facilities. Recent completed projects include the replacement of the X-Ray unit for the Castor Our Lady of the Rosary Hospital, increasing the number of available X-Ray procedures for patients in that area.

“This investment is an important part of helping our patients stay well,” says Marilyn Weber, Executive Director, Our Lady of the Rosary Hospital. “It is vital that we keep our health care infrastructure up to date and progressive.”

Through Infrastructure Maintenance Projects, Alberta Health Services maintains 128 health care sites – approximately 500 buildings throughout the province. This includes maintaining and operating building systems, equipment and heliports, as well as managing the design and construction of various healthcare projects up to \$5 million throughout the province.

Providing new equipment is also a priority for Alberta Health Services and the Government of Alberta. A new \$60,000 hematology analyzer has also been invested for the community of Castor. An analyzer helps to test blood cells for a variety of medical tests.

Alberta Health Services in partnership with Alberta Infrastructure and Alberta Health and Wellness, is building and renewing facilities across the province to provide accessible, sustainable, quality health care to all Albertans. With nearly \$5 billion currently invested in active construction, there are more than 600 projects in various stages of completion in every zone of this province.

Taking into account the diverse needs of Albertans, AHS is strategically investing in the health system to support patients and communities to stay healthy and manage illness effectively.

Alberta Health Services is the provincial health authority responsible for planning and delivering health supports and services for more than 3.7 million adults and children living in Alberta. Its mission is to provide a patient-focused, quality health system that is accessible and sustainable for all Albertans.

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