

Kitikmeot Regional Health Facility is Completed

June, 2005

On June 3rd, 2005 construction of the Kitikmeot Regional Health Facility was completed (“substantial completion”, meaning that only minor deficiencies, or repairs remain) and turned over to the Government of Nunavut (Department of Health & Social Services).



Kitikmeot Corporation was the developer on this \$17 million project, with Kitnuna Construction acting as the general contractor. Ground breaking occurred during the summer of 2002.

The Government of Nunavut’s decision to construct a new Regional Health Facility in Cambridge Bay (as well as in Rankin Inlet, with a new hospital being constructed in Iqaluit) was primarily a response to the high cost of medical travel incurred by the GN.

Because secondary healthcare is generally provided in major centres outside of Nunavut, the cost of medical evacuation by air, as well as meals and accommodations, can be significant. The Department of H&SS bears all costs. The new Health Facilities (and hospital in Iqaluit) are expected to offset these costs to some degree.

The Department of Health & Social Services is currently moving into the Facility (as at August, 2005) and setting up their various equipment and furnishings. When the facility will be officially opened, and start operating, is now in the hands of the Government of Nunavut, but is expected to happen shortly.