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PRHA receives approval to construct hospital isolation rooms

Dauphin-Manitoba Health and Healthy Living (MHHL) has approved Regional plans to proceed with construction of four hospital isolation rooms at three acute care facilities in the Parkland Region.

The Safety and Security Project will see existing rooms at Dauphin Regional Health Centre, (2), Roblin District Health Centre and Ste. Rose General Hospital renovated to accommodate new negative pressure isolation rooms. The Swan Valley Health Centre in Swan River, which was constructed in 2004/2005, already has a negative pressure isolation room.

The PRHA and Province are very pleased to be moving forward on these very important patient and staff safety enhancements. These rooms are used to prevent the spread of air-borne infections and are designed to make sure that air-borne infections are not transferred from the negative pressure rooms to other parts of the facility, stated Kevin McKnight, Chief Executive Officer of Parkland Regional Health Authority.

The construction contract, of \$732,000 has been awarded to Horizon Builders Ltd. of Brandon.

Construction on the isolation rooms will commence later this fall. Its anticipated construction completion will be in the spring of 2010

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