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**Regional Hospital District Invests Nearly \$1.5 Million to Fund  
Capital Projects at Northern Health**

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The Fraser Fort George Regional Hospital District is investing close to \$1.5 million dollars to fund capital projects for Northern Health. The funds come in the way of a \$1 million global grant for 2008 for minor capital projects and two other capital projects valued at just under \$500,000.

The \$1 million global grant will be used to pay for a variety of medical equipment for hospitals and health facilities in Prince George, Mackenzie and the Robson Valley.

The money will be used for items such as surgical and laboratory equipment for PGRH; a new blanket warmer for McBride and District Hospital; an exam table for the Valemout Diagnostic and Treatment Centre and a heart monitor upgrade for the Mackenzie and District Hospital.

In addition to the \$1 million global grant, the Regional Hospital District approved just under \$500,000 for Building Integrity Projects (\$155,000) and the Health Links North Project (\$334,000). Funding from these initiatives will go to support building improvements at Northern Health facilities within the Fraser Fort George Region and an improved clinical information system that integrates patient information from a variety of sources including radiology, pharmacy, lab, admitting and emergency.

“The Fraser Fort George Regional Hospital District is extremely proud of the role it plays in providing strategic funding to improve the delivery of health services in our region,” says Regional Hospital District Chairman Don Zurowski. “Over the past five years, we have invested close to \$13 million to support minor and major capital such as the Maternal-Child Centre of Excellence at PGRH and other significant building improvements at health facilities throughout the Fraser Fort George region.

The Regional Hospital District was incorporated in 1967 and shares the same geographic boundaries as the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George (RDFFG). The directors of the RDFFG are also the directors of the Regional Hospital District, however, it is a separate and distinct corporation. The primary function of the Regional Hospital District has been to share in the capital expenses of Northern Health’s health care facilities and medical equipment within the Regional Hospital District boundary.

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