

FOOTHILLS MEDICAL CENTRE COGENERATION FACILITY

2024 Year in review

Infrastructure wishes to thank the community for their ongoing patience as the Foothills Medical Centre Cogeneration Facility continues through the final steps of construction. Infrastructure hopes that everyone had a relaxing and joyous holiday season with friends and family.

Steam releases complete!

Over the month of October, our team worked diligently to prepare the plant for operation. The necessity of passing high pressure steam through the pipework of the facility was required for commissioning. The mitigation put in place helped reduce sound levels that made it to neighbouring communities. The work completed on October 31, and we thank you for your patience, apologize for any disturbance, and appreciate your understanding through this important stage of the project.



What happened in 2024?

We are coming up to the final stages of construction and commissioning. We are excited that this year saw many huge milestones. Highlights include:

- Completion of the necessary steam releases.
- The existing power plant is now connected with the facility.
- Electrical infrastructure in the existing facility is now operational.
- Complete installation of equipment.
- Exterior construction including the building envelope and landscaping is complete.

When will it be operational?

As we move towards operation, it is expected that shorter steam releases will occur as part of the commissioning of the facility. We apologize for any inconvenience or disruption this may cause you and your family.

We anticipate the Foothills Medical Centre Cogeneration Facility will be operational in 2025. Moving forward, work will continue within the facility and outside work will be minimal.

What are you doing to keep the neighbouring communities informed?

Infrastructure and Alberta Health Services will continue to work with the Foothills Medical Centre Area Community Working Group and the South Shagannapi Area Strategic Planning Group (consisting of the local community associations and elected officials) and keep them informed as we progress through this project. A notice will be sent out once the facility is operational and we encourage interested individuals to sign up for project email notices to keep up to date with the project.

Once operational, will there be more steam releases?

Once the new facility is operational, there is no anticipated need for steam releases to balance the operating systems. The two generators and connected piping should limit the need for steam releases unless needed in an emergency.

Can I access the area during construction?

Safety is our top priority – for the public and the workers on site. The active construction is winding down and the area around the facility will open to public movement once operational. We advise everyone to follow signage and respect the current construction barriers in place. Barriers will be removed as we approach project completion.



What if I have concerns or questions?

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact our project team by phone (**1-877-236-1698**) or by email PowerFMC@gov.ab.ca.

Project updates continue to be provided on the project website. Scan the QR code or search "Foothills Medical Centre Cogeneration Initiative" in your preferred search engine.

We wish you all the best in 2025.

