

FOOTHILLS MEDICAL CENTRE COGENERATION INITIATIVE

COMMISSIONING AND NOISE DISRUPTIONS

Alberta Infrastructure is bringing a new facility online to provide power to the Foothills Medical Centre campus. Through coordinated efforts with Alberta Health Services, the Foothills Medical Centre Cogeneration Initiative is moving into the commissioning stage with an operational date of mid-2027.

With commissioning activities underway, steam releases will be required over the upcoming months and will cause a noise noticeable in nearby residential areas.



What has happened this year?

- Commissioning activities are currently underway.
- Connections between the new facility and the rest of the Foothills Medical Centre Campus were completed
- Outdoor barricades were removed and pedestrian and vehicle traffic was restored at the back of the facility.

Why do commissioning activities require releasing steam?

Testing includes passing steam through pipes to clear them of any debris and allows our team to understand if there are any piping repairs required before the facility is brought online. This activity will cause a noticeable noise from the facility.

When will the releases start?

This important commissioning activity will occur during November and December of 2026 and in February and March of 2027. We understand that this is a large window but will aim to minimize the needs for these releases. It is anticipated that they will only occur during the **hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, however weekend noise events are possible.**

How frequent will these noise disruptions be?

This activity will cause a significant and disruptive noise that will likely be heard in neighbouring communities. The releases will be intermittent and could last up to 20 minutes. A silencer will be installed at the facility to minimize noise but it is still anticipated that the noise will be heard at nearby residences.

Once operational, will there be more steam releases?

Once the new facility is operational steam releases will not be required as part of regular operations.



Can I access this area if needed?

The area around the facility is open to public movement and no further closures are needed for commissioning. There are other projects at the Foothills Medical Centre Campus and we ask you follow any signage as safety of the public and workers is our top priority.

We understand this may be disruptive and we thank you for your understanding. This project is important in providing reliable power to support health care for Albertans. If you have questions, you can contact the project team at PowerFMC@gov.ab.ca or by calling 1-877-236-1698.

We encourage community members to reach out to our project team to sign up for email notices or scan the QR code.

