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Infrastructure Update

Technical Briefing

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Infrastructure Plan

- Budget 2025 included more than $1.1 billion for infrastructure
- Projects are considered through a four-stage approval process:
  - Approval in Principle
  - Project Sanction
  - Approval to Procure
  - Contract Award
- Allows opportunity to consider rescoping or cancelling projects before contract award

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New Acute Care Hospital Campus

- October 22, 2022 previous administration announced intent to build a new hospital to replace St. Clare's Mercy Hospital in St. John's
- February 3, 2023 Health Sciences Centre site announced as site for new Cardiovascular and Stroke Institute (CVSI)
- November 4, 2024 Kenmount Crossing announced as the location of the new hospital and CVSI. Intent to support secondary acute care needs for the region and tertiary care services for the province
- Total of 64.764 acres acquired from H3 Development for $23,274,700 in 2024-25
- $23 million in Budget 2025 for planning and site development

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New Acute Care Hospital Campus (continued)

- 2 million square feet, 632 beds
- Hanscomb contracted as cost consultant
- July 2025 estimated $8.4 Billion (+/- 30 %) for St. Clare's replacement, CVSI, tertiary care and parking garages, furniture, fixtures and equipment, and Intelligent Care and Automation Technology (ICAT)
- Estimate did not include cost of essential infrastructure such as road upgrades, water and sewer, stormwater and power, or related facilities such as daycare, hostel, central laundry

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Comparable Recent Projects

- Queen Elizabeth II Halifax Infirmary expansion – 1.5 million square feet, 216 beds, $7.4 billion
- Peter Gilgan Mississauga Hospital – 2.8 million square feet, 350 private beds, $14 billion

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Sport and Wellbeing Dome

- Also proposed for Kenmount Crossing
- $13.5 million provided to Newfoundland and Labrador Sport Centre Inc., a public body
- Dome materials procured and ordered
- December 2025 cost estimate by Turner & Townsend $18 million (+/- 5 %)

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Downtown Health and Wellness Centre

- June 14, 2024 announced Centre for site of former Grace Hospital, to provide urgent care and primary care, including a family care team, for residents in the downtown St. John's area, as well as outreach services and services for people with mental health and addictions challenges who do not require hospitalization
- Budget 2025 included $7 million for planning
- Dillon Consulting contracted to conduct environmental site assessment
- December 2024 cost estimate by Hanscomb $183 million (+/- 30 %)

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Janeway Redevelopment

- Led by Newfoundland and Labrador Health Services
- Intended to increase the inpatient/surgical bed capacity at the Health Sciences Centre to facilitate the realignment of services for the new Acute Care Hospital Campus
- Budget 2025 included $3 million for planning

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Mid-Size Theatre

- May 3, 2023 announced new mid-size theatre for St. John's
- Proposed to have 400 seats
- Budget 2025 included $5 million for planning and land acquisition
- August 2024 cost estimate by Hanscomb $89 million (+/- 30 %)
- Existing capacity in St. John's includes JAG Soundhouse (capacity 1500), Holy Heart Theatre (1100), Arts and Culture Centre (1000), Majestic Theatre (290), LSPU Hall (192), Barbara Barrett Theatre (100)

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Plan Forward

- Acute Care Hospital Campus, Sport and Wellbeing Dome, Mid-Size Theatre will not proceed
- St. Clare's to be assessed to extend life of facility
- Downtown Health and Wellness Centre and Janeway Redevelopment will be rescoped
- To work with Government of Canada to access Health Infrastructure Fund for needed projects

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Long-Term Care in Western Region

- Budget 2025 included $1 million
- September 8, 2025 previous administration announced site selection on Seal Cove Road in Stephenville Crossing
- Development to proceed
- Assessment to be conducted of optimal location in Western Region

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