



On September 25, construction on Saskatchewan's new maternal and children's hospital officially began. Keeping with the many hands who have worked for this dream, it was the people of this province who ushered in this next chapter in Saskatchewan's healthcare journey. Children, teenagers and their families, along with the Government of Saskatchewan, took toy shovels to sand and marked the start of construction.

To the thousands of families, healthcare providers, leaders and donors, thank-you for helping a dream come true. Now, over the next three years, we will complete that vision with your new hospital scheduled to open in 2017. From now until 2017, the work ahead is significant. Over the coming week and months, the CHS Project Team will issue periodic updates to keep you up to date on construction and operational planning.



Ceremonial Groundbreaking - September 25

## *Construction Update - September 2014*

### **Pilings and Foundation**

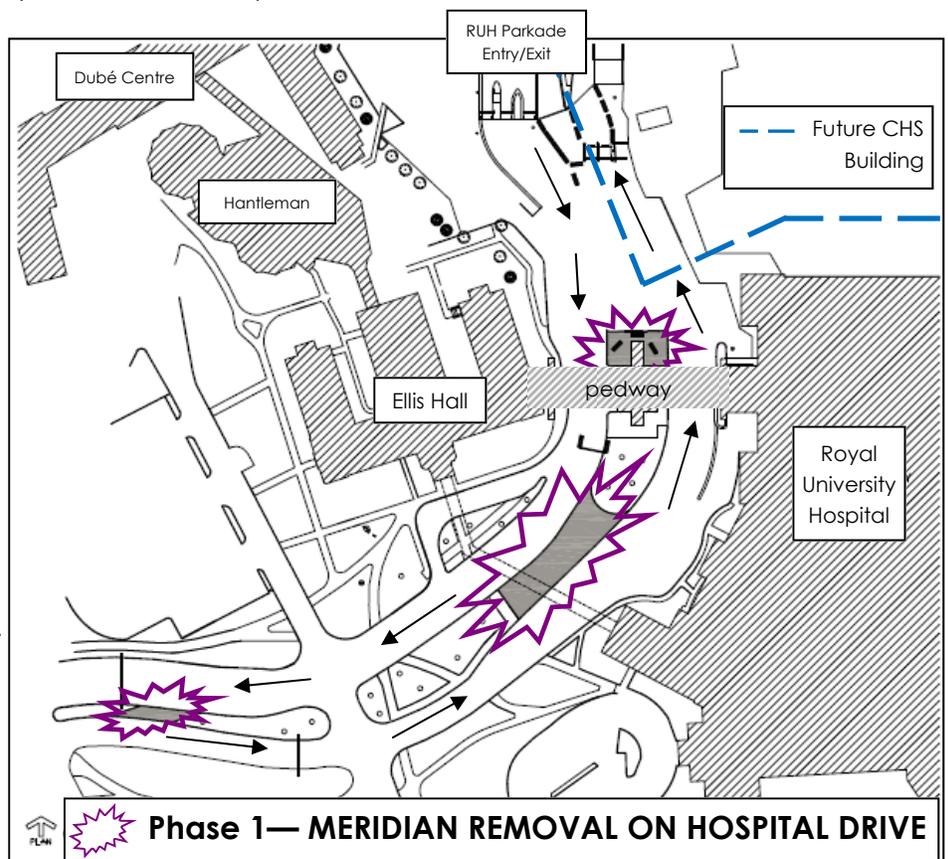
Construction crews have installed the first of what will be approximately 300 drilled and poured concrete piles. These piles will support the foundation of the future hospital building. The piling work is expected to take about five months with the main building construction to follow in early 2015. The average depth of the piles is 16.8 metres. The support base the piling equipment is working on is made from some of the concrete aggregate that was crushed and recycled from the recently demolished RUH parkade structure.

### **Construction on Hospital Drive**

The new hospital will reach out across the existing RUH parkade entrance road. This means eventually crews will need to temporarily take over a portion of entrance road to put piles in for CHS.

Phase 1 of roadway changes will occur in early October. Crews will remove portions of the existing meridians on Hospital Drive and pave these areas. Traffic flow won't be affected yet. The meridians are being removed now to allow paving before asphalt plants close for the winter. No trees will be removed during this process.

In December 2014, traffic flow changes will begin as CHS crews take over the needed roadway portion for construction. Some of this work will also support planned improvements the Health Region is undertaking in Spring 2015 related to below grade service tunnels underneath Hospital Drive. More information on traffic flow changes will follow later this fall.



*Please remember RUH is a construction area.*

*Slow down, follow signage and watch for construction crews. Thank-you for your patience.*