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### **BC Cancer Agency Centre for the North receives Gold Award for Infrastructure**

Vancouver – [The Canadian Council for Public-Private Partnership](#) (CCPPP) has awarded its 2012 Gold Award for Infrastructure to the BC Cancer Agency, for the Centre for the North project in Prince George.

The Centre for the North was constructed to be a green and energy efficient building, designed and built to achieve Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold certification. The centre's design also responded to local culture by reflecting traditional First Nations architecture in the main entry's post and beam structure, and by inclusion of a circular spiritual care room and a garden with traditional healing plants. A green roof comprised of local plants provides several benefits, including capturing rainwater, providing insulation and offering a unique view to patients, staff and visitors. The interior design is meant to create efficient staff flow and encourage greater interdisciplinary team work and resource sharing, for optimal patient care.

Construction of the BC Cancer Agency Centre for the North began in July 2010 and was completed on time and on budget. The new centre opened for patient treatment November 1.

The centre's construction was made possible through the public-private partnership with Plenary Health. Plenary Health designed, built, financed the project and is responsible for facilities maintenance and life cycle services for 30 years. All clinical health services at the centre are publicly funded and publicly provided, in accordance with the Canada Health Act.

The CCPP awards honour governments and/or public institutions and their private sector partners who have demonstrated excellence and innovation in the establishment of public-private partnerships. Winners were announced on November 26 at this year's National Awards for Innovation and Excellence at Canadian Council for Public-Private Partnerships conference in Toronto.

For more information about the Centre for the North, visit [www.bccancer.bc.ca/RS/north](http://www.bccancer.bc.ca/RS/north)

**Quotes:****Dr. Max Coppes, president, BC Cancer Agency**

"We are honoured to receive this recognition for the BC Cancer Agency Centre for the North. I would like to thank all of our partners, including Plenary Health, who helped transform a blueprint into a stunning new cancer facility. The presence of a new treatment centre the North means a greater number of communities now have cancer care closer to home."

**Karim Karmali, chief operating officer, BC Cancer Agency**

"This award celebrates the relationships that were forged to allow our BC Cancer Agency Centre for the North to come to fruition. For us, this project was not just about a building but about creating an environment to best serve the needs of our patients."

**The BC Cancer Agency**, an agency of the Provincial Health Services Authority, is committed to reducing the incidence of cancer, reducing the mortality from cancer, and improving the quality of life of those living with cancer. It provides a comprehensive cancer control program for the people of British Columbia by working with community partners to deliver a range of oncology services, including prevention, early detection, diagnosis and treatment, research, education, supportive care, rehabilitation and palliative care. [www.bccancer.ca](http://www.bccancer.ca)

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