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WAWANESA INSURANCE GIVES \$50,000 TO SUPPORT MINIMALLY INVASIVE SURGERY AT THE VICTORIA GENERAL HOSPITAL

Winnipeg, MB – The Victoria General Hospital Foundation has received a \$50,000 gift from the Wawanesa Mutual Insurance Company in support of the Vic's minimally invasive surgery project.

“Wawanesa Insurance is very happy to support this initiative because it is so innovative and has such broad common benefits,” said George Bass, Wawanesa's Vice President, General Counsel. “Congratulations to the Victoria General Hospital Foundation for spearheading this initiative.”

The project involves the renovation of two existing operating suites to accommodate today's advanced minimally invasive technology. This renovation will include the addition of high definition cameras, flat-panel monitors, and lights attached to mechanical arms on the ceiling.

Patients are expected to experience shorter hospital stays, fewer complications, and require less follow-up care with the creation of these new suites. Surgical staff will also benefit from the availability of state-of-the-art equipment and an unencumbered work environment.

Wawanesa Insurance's gift in support of the minimally invasive surgery operating rooms brings the Vic one step closer to its goal of raising \$1 million for the project. About 50% of the funds for the project have been raised to date.



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The Medicine and Miracles campaign was launched in support of the Vic's redevelopment project, a \$23 million undertaking which includes construction of the now complete Buhler Cancer Centre, a new state-of-the-art Emergency Centre, and two minimally invasive operating suites.

The goal of the Medicine & Miracles campaign is to raise \$9.5 million in support from private and corporate donors for the Victoria General Hospital redevelopment project. Thanks to the tremendous generosity of donors, the Foundation has raised over \$8 million so far. We have less than \$1.5 million to go.



Edna Rossong, Wawanesa Insurance's Vice President of the Winnipeg Region, and her daughters Holly and Heather presented a cheque for \$50,000 to the VGH Foundation Chair Reno Molinari at the Foundation's annual gala dinner on March 21. The donation will support the construction of two minimally invasive operating rooms at the Vic.



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