

Construction is expected to take three years.

Care Closer to Home

Cardiovascular Surgery Program at Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre



To improve patient care for Northwestern Ontario, Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre (TBRHSC) has been working with University Health Network's Peter Munk Cardiac Centre to co-develop a cardiovascular surgery (CVS) program at TBRHSC since 2013.

We are in an exciting stage of the project, where **76,000 square feet** of space will be renovated and expanded to accommodate a new comprehensive cardiovascular surgery program. This program will allow our Hospital to complete vital cardiac procedures, reduce wait times for urgent and elective procedures and ensure timely access to essential services in the region.

This transformative project will include

14 Cardiovascular Surgery inpatient beds

6 New Coronary Care Unit beds

1 New Hybrid Operating Room



Renovations to Operating Rooms 9 & 10

A new Ambulatory Cardiovascular Care clinic and Pre-admission Clinic expansion

Renovations to Medical Devices Reprocessing and Biomedical departments

“ CVS here at TBRHSC means less travel for the care that my mom needs. Being able to get this care here in Thunder Bay means less stress and better outcomes. This will make it easier on me as she ages and needs more care. ”



“ Care closer to home to me means that patients who require specialized cardiac care will be able to receive it right here in Thunder Bay. It’s about more than just convenience, but it’s about being surrounded by family, support from the community and improving continuity of care. ”

“ My son was diagnosed with a heart condition before birth and our whole world changed. Suddenly, everything revolved around plane rides, out of town hospital visits, and the stress of being away from home. Bringing cardiac care closer to home brings me comfort in knowing that individuals like my son will have the complex cardiac care they need right here in Thunder Bay! ”

This cardiovascular surgery program will be the first of its kind in Northwestern Ontario and will help save patients and families in the region from travelling many kilometers to receive surgery in southern Ontario. By offering these lifesaving cardiovascular services in Northwestern Ontario, the program will also

help to increase capacity and address surgical wait times in other hospitals across the province that currently perform cardiovascular surgeries for patients from Northwestern Ontario.

Construction on this project began in spring 2025 and is expected to be completed in late 2027.

When complete, the state-of-the-art facility will require an interdisciplinary team that includes Diagnostics, Dietitians, Laboratory, Medical Device Reprocessing, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Perfusion, Pharmacy, Physician Assistants, Physiotherapy, Social Work and Speech Language Pathology.

Exceptional Care for every patient, every time.