



**MASKWA**  
Medical Center

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# Why Maskwa?

Maskwa is a Cree word, meaning **bear**.

In Cree culture, the **bear** is an important symbol representing **good medicine** and a powerful spirit used in traditional ceremony.



# Who We Are – A “Made in Alberta” Solution

Maskwa is an **innovative, Alberta-based, not-for-profit registered charity** committed to accelerating the process and improving access to medical specialists and family physicians.

Led by residents and communities of the Peace Region, Maskwa is brought together by a shared common goal of **improving quality of life and health outcomes for Northern Alberta communities.**



# Benefits to the Peace Region

The new, innovative, not-for-profit model will **help the Peace Region** in 3 key ways:

1

Improve access to specialists and quality of care for patients in the region

2

Help recruit, train and retain Doctors locally in the Peace Region

3

Result in no overall increase in healthcare costs for the healthcare system – overtime reducing long term health care costs





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PARKADE

PEDWAY

GRANDE  
PRAIRIE  
REGIONAL  
HOSPITAL

**MASKWA**  
Medical Center

PARKING LOT

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110 STREET

PARKING LOT



# Maskwa Medical Center Overview



## THIRD FLOOR

### Maskwa Medical Specialist Clinic

Provide Treatment plan in 10 days from referrals

## SECOND FLOOR

### Retail

Pharmacy, medical supply business, daycare, restaurant, etc.

## FIRST FLOOR

### Academic Teaching Clinic

- Reduce ER visits
- 20 Family Physicians – 2 year program
- 10 Graduates per Year



# Changing Health Outcomes for Northwestern Alberta



# First Floor - Academic Teaching Clinic

*In partnership with - University of Alberta & Northwestern Polytechnic*

- Maskwa Medical Center is a **key partner in training for the Northern Alberta Medical Program (NAMP)** and will house a 22,000 sq ft teaching clinic for medical students and family medicine residents.
- 20 RESIDENCY STUDENTS onsite, 10 first-year and 10 second-year, **graduating 10 second-year students as Physicians per year** into NW Alberta communities.
- Each Graduated Family Physician will have the training to see **between 900 – 1100 patients per year** in the community in which they work.
- The clinic will have extended hours of practice including evenings and weekends to see patients and **reduce pressures on the Hospital and Emergency Departments.**

# Northern Alberta Medical Program (NAMAP)

**Recruit Rural + Train Rural = Retain Rural**

- Focus of Northern Alberta Medical Program (NAMAP) is to recruit students from rural AB & BC, train them in Grande Prairie & Northern communities, so they will stay in practice in the Northern communities.
- Based on Prince George BC model **75% of graduates are practicing in rural and regional communities.**
- Collaboration with the Maskwa Medical Center and its partners on training and employment opportunities for NAMAP graduates will **keep our talent in the region and truly benefit us all.**



# Medical School & Residency Program

## *Three components of training to become a Doctor*

- 1. Obtain a Bachelor's Degree – 4 years** – to prepare for the intense academic requirements of medical training
- 2. Undergraduate Medical Education at NWP (medical school)**
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- 3. Residency Training at Maskwa Medical Center (First Floor Clinic)**
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  - Future expansion to other specialties such as Surgery, Internal Medicine, Obstetrics which require 4 -5 + years



# Changing Health Outcomes

The Maskwa Medical Specialist Clinic will be a **leading medical clinic in Alberta, Canada for the diagnosis of medical conditions that are complex and difficult to diagnose.**

**Bringing together top specialists and subspecialists** from across the province **to provide a timely diagnosis and treatment planning** for patients will **reduce the burden on patients and their families** of prolonged uncertainty and the need for costly, disruptive and time-consuming trips to larger urban centers to access specialist diagnostic expertise.

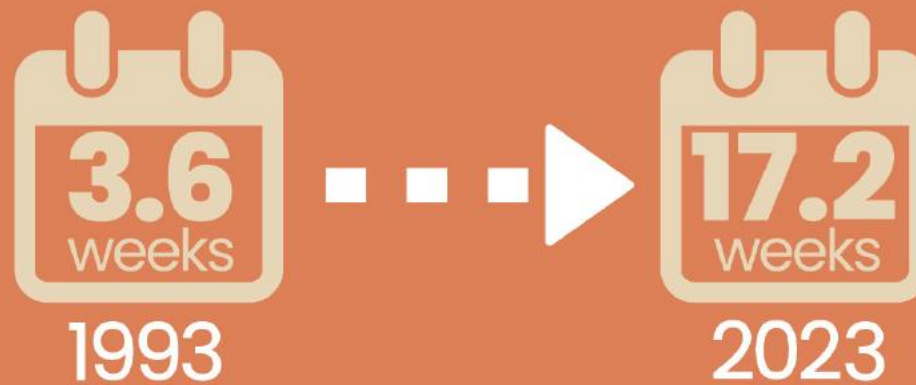
Our goal is to set up patients with a **treatment plan within 10 days** of walking through the Center's doors ensuring patients **do not get stuck in the referral cycle** contributing to **improved health outcomes and quality of life for patients** and their families and cost savings for both the families and Alberta's health system.

**There are NO FEES charged to patients**



# Did you Know?

## The time frame to see a specialist



 **80%**

**Less internal medicine specialists in NW Alberta** when compared to the rest of Alberta

NW Alberta



1,000 people

**= 1.06**

Internal Medical Specialist

Central Alberta



1,000 people

**= 1.29**

Internal Medical Specialist

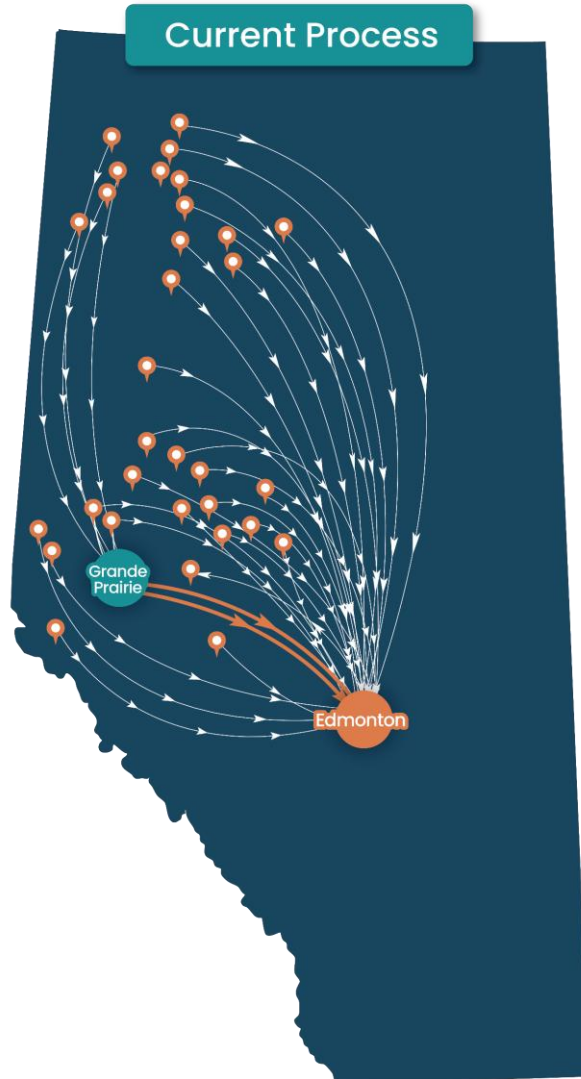
# Third Floor - Maskwa Medical Specialist Clinic

## *In Partnership with – University of Alberta & Family Physicians*

- Through referrals and a **collaborative team approach**, Physicians will work closely with the Maskwa Center to refer their challenging cases and get timely access to diagnosis.
- Maskwa Clinic Specialists will collaborate with panels of specialists from across the Province or Western Canada **through innovative technology & virtual conferencing technology**.
- The Maskwa Center will find ways to **improve the case workload and hours worked for medical staff to improve their quality of life in the region**.
- The Maskwa Specialist Clinic will be **funded through an innovative ARP arrangement with the Government of Alberta** and philanthropic initiatives. Specialists will be salaried based on 5 DAYS a week, 8 AM to 5 PM.



# Efficiency Matters



Early Diagnosis & Treatment Planning  
Reduced costs to patients & families

# Cost per Resident

This demonstrates how the capital cost, when broken down by a “per resident basis” is very small

$$\begin{array}{r} \$35\text{M} \\ \text{PROJECT CAPITAL COST} \\ \text{(Current Estimate with Contingency)} \\ \div \\ 207,716 \\ \text{NW ALBERTA RESIDENTS} \\ \text{(2023 Population)} \\ = \\ \$168 / \text{resident} \\ \text{CAPITAL COST PER} \\ \text{NW ALBERTA RESIDENTS} \end{array}$$



# Funding & Community Partners



City of  
Grande Prairie



County of  
Grande Prairie



Municipal District  
of Greenview



Saddle Hills  
County



Big Lakes  
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Northern Sunrise  
County



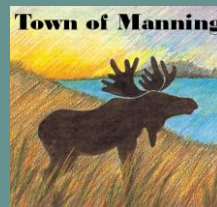
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County



Municipal District  
of Peace



Town of Manning



Town of Sexsmith



Town of Falher

# Maskwa Board Members

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## Board Member Contributions

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# For More Information & to Donate

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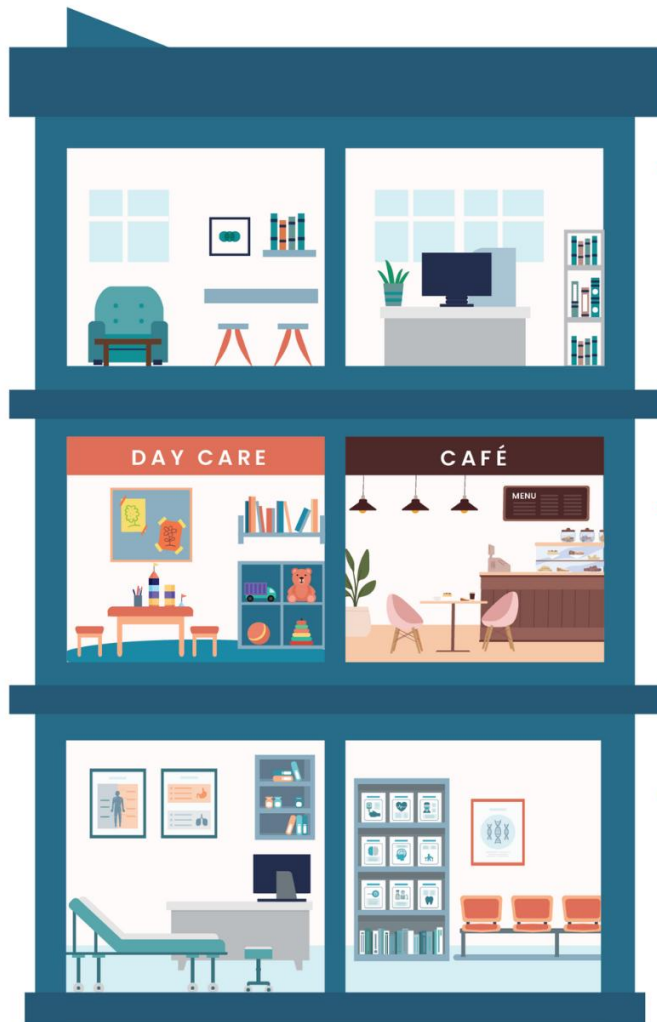
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OPENING 2027



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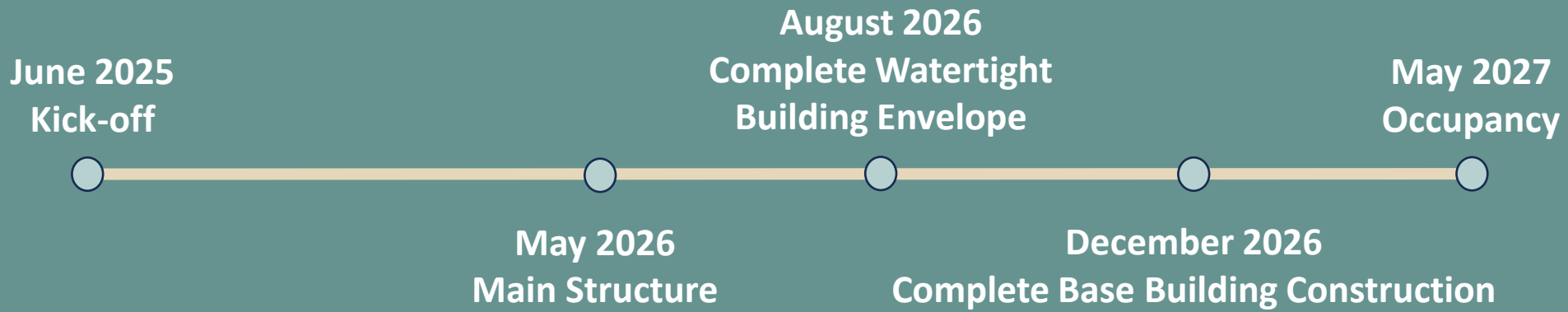
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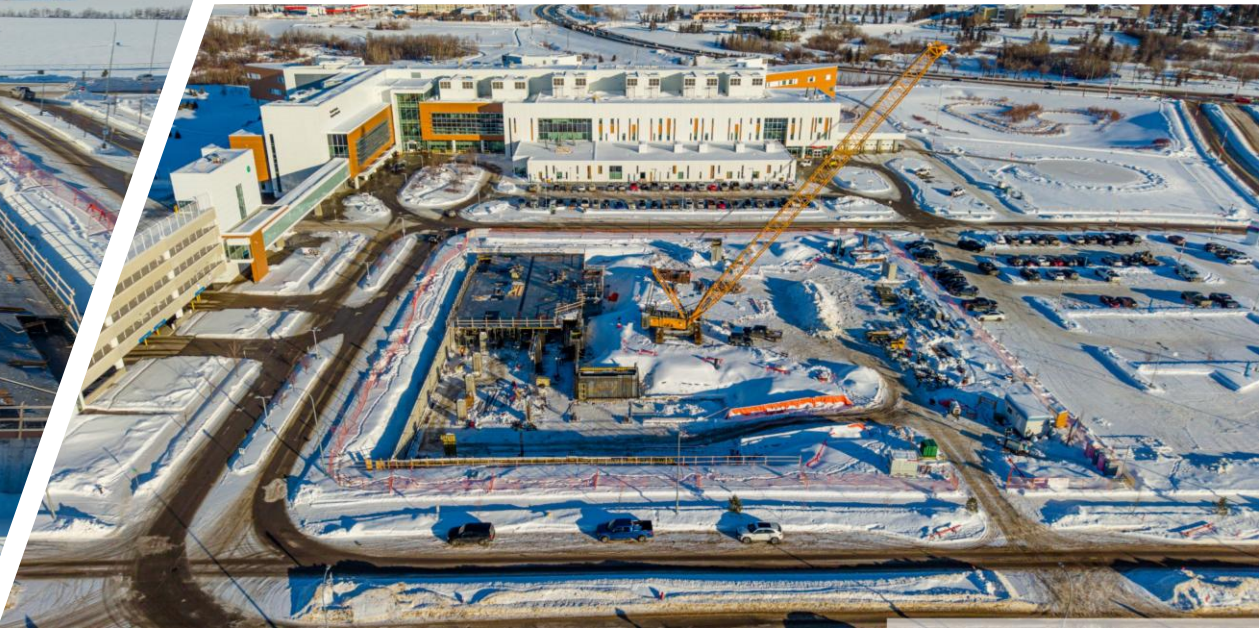


# Where We Are At Today

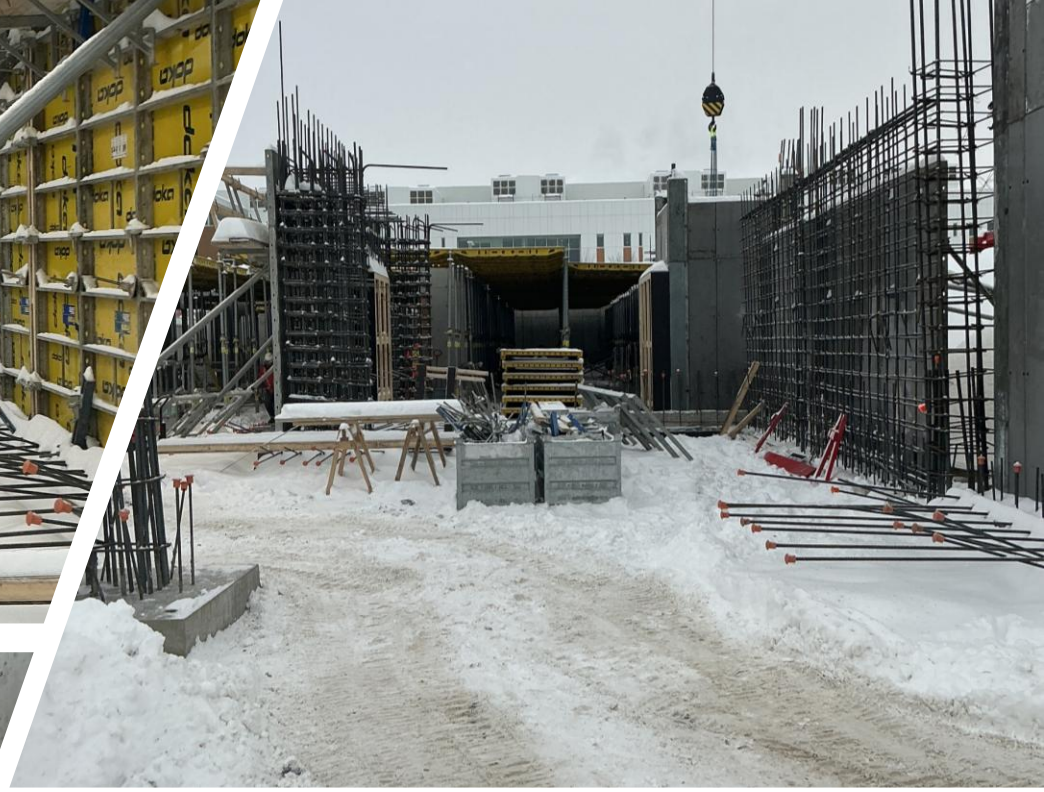
- 60-year land agreement with NWP – Signed
- University of Alberta 25-year tenant agreement for first floor – Finalized
- Facility tenants – Signed offers to lease for daycare & pharmacy; (restaurant still under consideration)
- Development of application for Specialist clinic funding to AB Health – In progress
- Building Contractor – Clark Builders, 70% local trades – Contract Total \$35.7M
- Construction Commenced – June 2, 2025
- Capital Fundraising – In progress – \$17.2M+ to date
- Gift in kind contributions to construction – Anticipated to be \$2M+
- \$15M Capital Provincial Funding for facility – Pending
- Tenant Improvements from Jan – May 2027
- Anticipated facility opening in June 2027

# Current Construction Schedule

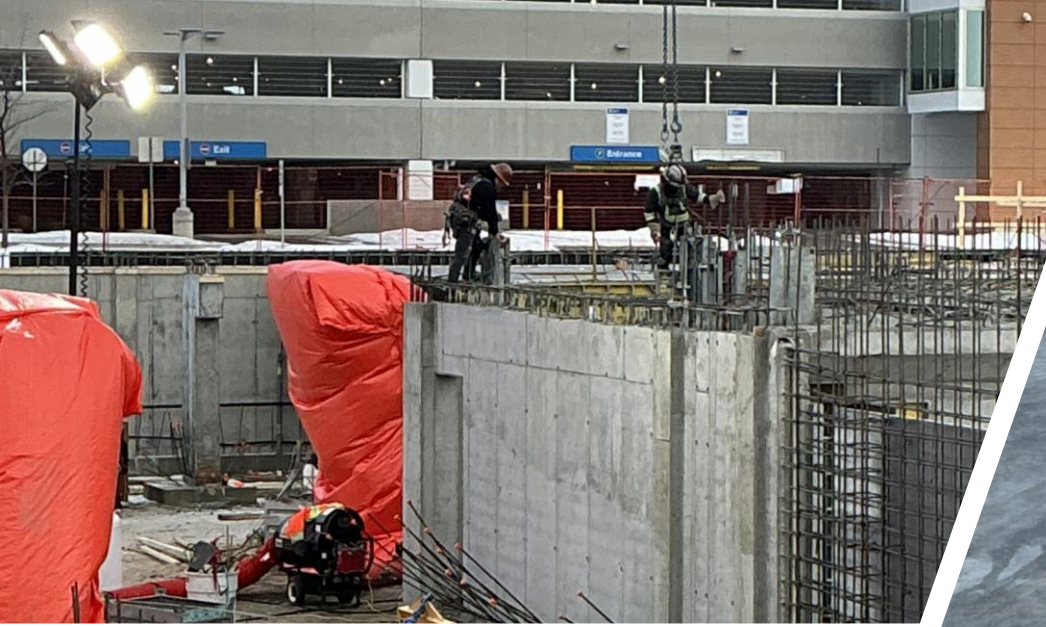




**TERRACE**  
Construction Development Inc.







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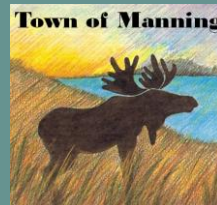
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AltaGas via NAF  
Apex Security  
Aquatera  
Barb & Al Side Family Fund via NAF  
Bonnett's Energy Corp  
Brandt  
Caltech  
Canadian Forest Products Ltd.  
Canwest  
Cenovus  
County Pump Out  
Culligan Water  
Derenisky Family  
Drysdale Family  
Edward's Factory Outlet  
Elite Vac & Steam  
Enframe Construction  
First Alert Locating  
Gamehost

GP Petroleum Association  
GP Reload  
Hennigar Family  
Helix Engineering Ltd.  
Horizon North  
Hoyseth Family  
JDA Oilfield Hauling & Cranes  
Keyera  
Longmate Family  
Marmit Plastics  
Malekoff Family  
McClelland Family  
MNP Community Forward Fund via NAF  
NAKODA Energy Services  
National Car Rental  
Nine10  
Neil Family  
Northern Mat & Bridge  
Pembina

Pollock Family  
Prairie Disposal  
Rentco Equipment  
Rhonda Side & Jeremy Walker  
Rycroft Family Reunion  
Sears Family  
Sexsmith Vipers Jr B Hockey  
Steinke Family  
Stringam LLP  
Teepee Creek Hauling  
Terrace Construction  
TriTech Safety & Training  
UFA  
Victoria's Attic Support the Girls  
Wapiti Carriers  
Weyerhaeuser  
Wheaton Chevrolet  
Windsor Ford  
Xcel Automation Ltd.



**Private & Family Contributions**  
\$682,950 in donations to date

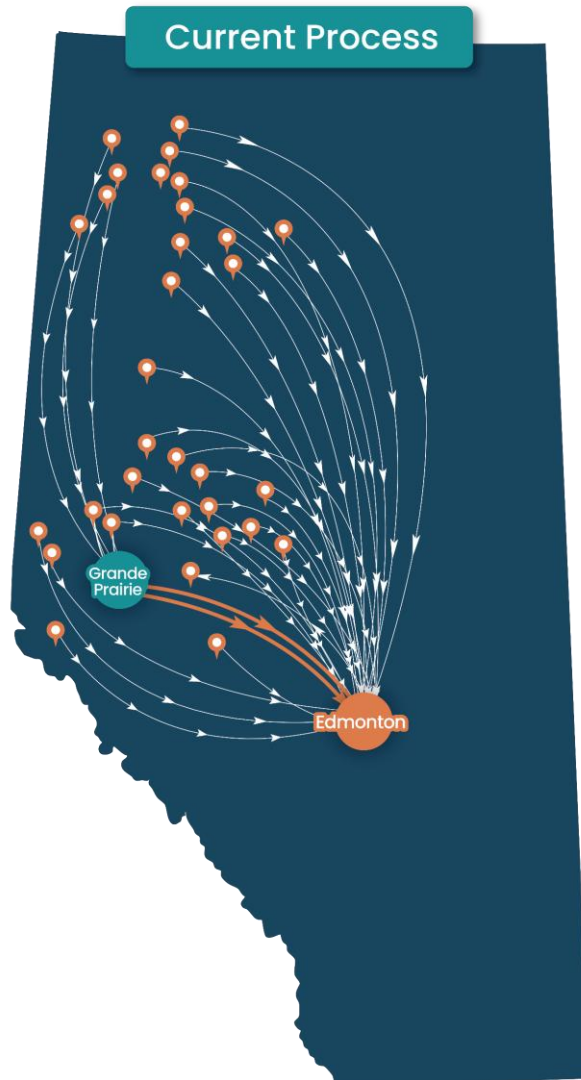


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**NAF**

**Northwestern Alberta  
Foundation**  
Partner in Community  
Engagement & Funding  
Programming

# Efficiency Matters



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# How you can help

Maskwa Medical Center respectfully requests that Council consider a contribution of \$170 per resident toward the construction of this vital facility.

## Your support will benefit the Region by:

- Not only help retain, but also attract Doctors to the area
- Improve quality of care for patients in the region
- Improve employee retention in the region due to improved access to healthcare
- Invest in research, education and healthcare in NW Alberta

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CAPITAL COST PER  
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**2799** x **\$170** = **\$475,830**

Grimshaw Population  
(2025 AB Dashboard)

per resident

Investment



How you can help: Partner with Maskwa to...

**Raise awareness of the Northern Alberta Medical Program (NAMP) among students in your community**

Help inspire the next generation of healthcare professionals from your community!

**Identify a community champion to help raise local awareness of the Maskwa Medical Center and support fundraising efforts**

Help strengthen local connections by engaging a community leader to share Maskwa's mission and inspire support.

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