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NEWSLETTER

## FORT MCMURRAY HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTRE

Design work is well underway for this new and much needed health care facility. The design includes Urgent Care, Diagnostic Imaging, Medical Laboratory, Primary Care Clinic, Community Health Services, and Facility Support Spaces. As part of the design process, RPAP took part in a “Lean” (preserving labour with less work) planning workshop with stakeholders to find efficiencies in the planning of the building. Part of the workshop was a “gaming” session where the stakeholders arranged cutouts of the individual rooms into simplistic floor plans. Coloured strings, representing clients and staff, were then pinned to the plans in



order to measure the distances traveled from one area to another. Adjustments were then made to the plans to reduce travel distances and times resulting in more efficient design. This workshop provided us with great perspective on the needs of our clients and we know this will translate into a more sensitive design. ●



### BIG NEWS

#### SLAVE LAKE AND RED DEER ASLI GRANTS

RPAP recently provided design assistance to Points West Living for two successful Affordable Supportive Living Initiative (ASLI) grant applications. One is a 52 resident building located in central Slave Lake while the other is an 84 resident facility in northern Red Deer. The ASLI grant is an Alberta government capital grant program that provides funding to develop affordable supportive living spaces in the province. The Slave Lake project includes a 13 unit dementia cottage while the Red Deer project includes two 12 resident dementia cottages along with an additional 50 independent living apartments. We are very proud of the work we do to provide quality, affordable housing for seniors in our province. ●

#### PATIENCE IS A VIRTUE

The RPAP office was recently surprised by the bloom of a beautiful orchid. Nobody knows for sure but it is believed that this plant has been in our office for over 10 years without a single bloom. This didn't deter RPAP staff from patiently tending to it in the hopes that it would one day bloom. What we can draw from this is that while most architectural projects are

driven by tight schedules, we encourage our clients to take time to reflect on the design in order to get things right. Good things come to those who wait! ●



#### UNDER CONSTRUCTION

- Construction is complete on the new Points West Living supportive living project in Stettler.
- Design work is complete for a 42 unit seniors independent living addition to North Ridge Place for the Sturgeon Foundation in St. Albert.

- Steel erection is complete and the roofing and exterior wall construction is underway for the new Hay River Health Centre.
- Preliminary design work is underway for an aging-in-place facility in south Edmonton for the Chinatown Multilevel Care Foundation.
- Steel framing is in progress for Ottewell Terrace affordable seniors apartment building for GEF Seniors Housing.