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**To:** [Bell, Mark J HLTH:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Heads up: MMH site tree clearing  
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A heads up for you on Mills Memorial Hospital, a significant amount of trees were cleared from the site and the community notice.

NHA is putting out messages/explanations on different forums.

Just an FYI for you.



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Hi Marisa!

See below FYI

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**From:** "Artis, Sarah" <[Sarah.Artis@northernhealth.ca](mailto:Sarah.Artis@northernhealth.ca)>  
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Hi Brent,

Just a heads up that a significant amount of trees were cleared from the Mills Memorial Hospital site recently. It was very noticeable to the community so Northern Health is putting out a message/ explanation about it on the Let's Talk MMH site, as well as in the Northern Health Terrace/Kitimat Facebook group. See below.

Thanks.

Recently, a significant amount of trees were cleared on Northern Health's Mills Memorial Hospital site. Northern Health fell hazard trees for public safety. We also cleared necessary trees to ensure the construction of a new hospital could happen as soon as possible. While a design build agreement for the construction of a new Mills Memorial Hospital is still in the works, we are managing the project to ensure no delay.

At this time of year, birds start nesting. Once a bird has nested in a tree, legally, to protect the bird and the nest, one cannot fall that tree or those nearby. Clearing trees now will prevent potential bird nesting, which could have delayed the clearing of trees later, and as a result, delayed the start of construction. Any delay to construction, minor or major, would add significant costs to the project.

Please be assured that plans for the new hospital include significant landscaping and revegetation.

**Sarah Artis**  
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For the most up to date project information:  
<https://letstalk.northernhealth.ca/mills-memorial-hospital-replacement>

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**Cc:** [Bell, Mark J HLTH:EX](#)  
**Subject:** MMH RFP - Potential delay due to birds nesting  
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Hi Jeff, Catherine,

As previously discussed, we have received the official notice from PCL indicating that the birds nesting on the site may have a cost and schedule impact (currently undetermined). The team along with PCL are currently doing everything possible to elevate this issue and are hopeful, but none the less this is a risk that could potentially materialize.

Thanks



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April 30, 2021

Julien Bahain M.Eng, OLY  
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Dear Julien Bahain

**Re: Notice of Impact – Potential Delay  
Project # 2220057**

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Further to Section 51.1 and 51.4 of the DBA, please be advised that during recent site investigations active birds' nests have been found on the proposed construction site. To comply with relevant legislation, those nest locations have buffer zones created around them within which no work can take place until the nest has been vacated and cleared by a Registered Professional Biologist.

This could impact the proposed start date on site and may also impact the proposed sequence of work.

As such we formally notify the Authority of a potential delay to the project which could result in a need for additional time and costs to be added to the project.

The magnitude of the impact for both time and cost is unable to be determined currently however both PCL and the Authority are collaborating on site under the supervision of a Registered Professional Biologist to remove trees where possible in order to mitigate that impact.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael King".

Michael King  
Construction Manager  
**PCL Constructors Westcoast Inc.**

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The latest issue on MMH...like we needed another one. This was mentioned to me yesterday (or the day before?) but it did not sound like an enormous issue at the time. Paul told me that NH was going to take some pre-emptive action on its own to take down some trees to discourage further nesting

But now we have an official notice from PCL ☹️

Maybe this is what today's call is about?

Mark

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