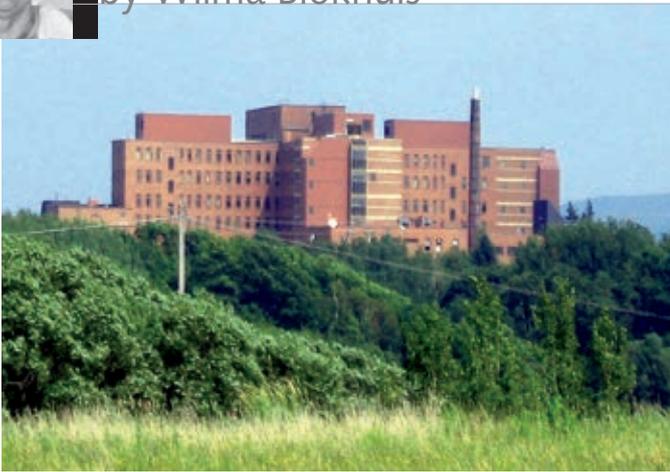


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# In with the New ABERDEEN HOSPITAL LAUNDRY STEPS UP

It was out with the old and in with the new at Aberdeen Hospital's laundry.

The 104-bed regional hospital in New Glasgow, NS, had been using and maintaining an old fleet of washers and dryers dating back to the 1970s and 1980s, explained Ned Douglas, manager of Harco Atlantic based in Halifax.

"The array of old equipment had become expensive to operate and source parts for," he said.

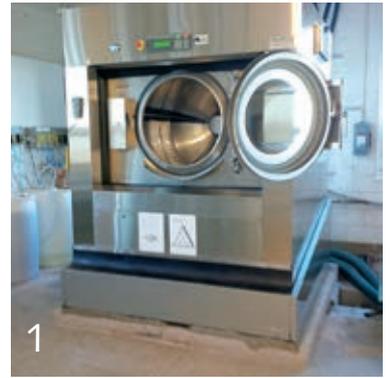
In 2014, the Nova Scotia Health Authority put out a call to replace the ageing fleet, and Harco Atlantic was the successful bidder. "Following several months of upgrades to the facility (including electrical, steam, plumbing, and physical improvements to the site), the installation was completed in June 2015," said Douglas.

The new equipment consists of three Unimac soft-mount washers, two with a 275-lb. capacity and one 180-lb. machine, plus five Unimac 170-lb. steam dryers.

The installation was a bit of a challenge, according to Douglas. "Because the laundry facility is on the second floor, it was necessary to use industrial cranes and lifts to remove the old machines and place the new equipment," he explained.

In order to get the equipment into the building, the hospital hired a contractor to remove a door and transom. Calvin Kerr and his staff at Cal-Tech Services Ltd., also of Halifax, were hired to remove the old equipment and install the new washers and dryers.

"On delivery day, Cal-Tech had a crew of industrial riggers on hand to help with a flawless job," said Douglas. "Our combined teams completed all aspects of the installation with local sub-trades. Staff training and programming was per-



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1. The 275-lb. capacity UniMac soft-mount washer is settled into place.  
2. The new bank of five 170-lb. UniMac steam dryers.



Left: A load of UniMac machines arrives, including three soft-mount washers and five steam dryers.

formed at every step of the installation.

"This was a fantastic opportunity all around. We were pleased to work with a very competent hospital staff, as well as the various sub-trades and engineers required to make this a professional installation. Harco customers are accustomed to that level of service and peace of mind."

Consideration for the environment was also given in the removal and responsible scrapping of the old equipment, he concluded. ■

## SECOND FLOOR LAUNDRY? NO PROBLEM!

