



## Revelstoke Board of Education New Schools Project Update

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### Both Schools Will Benefit from Neighborhoods of Learning Centres

#### Background

Last December the Revelstoke Board of Education made an application to be considered as a pilot for a new Ministry of Education initiative called *Neighbourhoods of Learning*. On Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009, the Honourable Tom Christensen, then Minister of Children and Family Development, confirmed that our Board was chosen to pilot this exciting initiative.

#### What are Neighborhoods of Learning?

The *Neighbourhoods of Learning* initiative, announced by Premier Campbell on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008, is intended to promote opportunities for people to access education and community services under one roof. *Neighbourhoods of Learning* centres may cover a broad range of community-based services such as early learning, child care, health services and community services. Additional space (fifteen percent), including the accompanying funding, is allocated by the Ministry of Education to the capital project to support this initiative. This opportunity was seen by our Board as an outstanding chance to enhance facilities in our community.

#### Revelstoke will be the home to the first Neighborhood of Learning Centres in the Province

On November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009, Premier Gordon Campbell announced that Revelstoke will be home to the first Neighbourhood Learning Centres in the province. "I would like to commend the Revelstoke school district for bringing community partners together in designing these schools with the needs of the community in mind," said Premier Campbell.

Each school will benefit from additional space. The Neighbourhood of Learning Centre at the new Revelstoke Secondary school will include a 275 seat theatre and on-site office and meeting spaces to deliver services aimed at supporting our youth.

Revelstoke Elementary will become B.C.'s first, purpose built, early-learning hub designed to provide seamless services for children from infancy to school age. The new hub will include the district's StrongStart BC centre, two childcare centres, an infant and toddler centre, the Child Care Resource and Referral program and an early-learning lending library. In addition, the elementary school will house a new acrobatic facility, and office and program space for community literacy and young children's services.

"Our vision for the future of education in British Columbia is one where educational services and community resources are brought together under one roof to better support families and learners," said Premier Campbell".

### Why are there no school or site plans to share?

#### Design-Build

Design-build, in contrast to "design-bid-build" (or "design-tender"), features the design and construction aspects contracted with a single team known as the design-builder. The design-builder engages the design architect and they work together as a team to provide the best possible facilities for the School District.

## Procurement Process for Design-Build

In our project, a two-stage procurement process is being followed. The first stage involved the issuance of a Request for Qualifications. Proponent teams comprised of a general contractor, consulting architect (the coordinating professional), consulting engineers and other professionals, responded to the Request for Qualifications. The Request for Qualifications was issued on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and subsequently, three teams were short-listed to design the schools. Teams were selected based on team composition; corporate experience; individual knowledge, experience, and abilities; and the team's understanding of the project.

In the second stage, the short-listed teams submit comprehensive proposals that meet the functional requirements and performance specifications established by the Board for the new facilities. These requirements and specifications were issued to the three teams on August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The teams submitted their proposals on November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

## Selection of Successful Design-Build Team

Our project team, supported by the project director, the consulting architect and consulting mechanical, electrical and civil engineers, will take a few weeks to review and rate the proposals and submit a recommendation to the Board of Trustees. The Board will review the recommendation submitted by the project team and select the proposal offering the best blend of functionality (design, features), aesthetics, and life-cycle costs (durability, operating costs). Negotiations will then commence to finalize a contract with the Design-Builder. When negotiations are complete, plans can be released.

## **Project Timelines**

We are working towards the following timelines:

- ✓ March 2009 - Issued request for qualifications
- ✓ May 2009 - Selected three proponents
- ✓ August 2009 - Issued request for proposals
- ⌚ December 2009/Januray 2010 - Select preferred proponent
- ⌚ January/February 2010 - Negotiate a contract with preferred proponent
- ⌚ February/March 2010 – Finalize project details
- ⌚ Spring 2010 - Commence construction
- ⌚ Summer 2011 - Achieve substantial completion of the elementary school
- ⌚ September 2011 - Occupy new elementary school
- ⌚ December 2011 – Achieve substantial completion of the secondary school
- ⌚ February 2012 – Occupy Revelstoke Secondary School for second semester

We continue to look forward to your comments and concerns as our project unfolds.

### **Questions / Concerns**

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