


**Revelstoke Board of Education**  
**New Elementary School / School Consolidation**  
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**NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL A REALITY!**

On November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008 the Honourable George Abbott, Minister of Health, on behalf of Shirley Bond, the Minister of Education, provided a signed Project Agreement to Chairperson, Alan Chell, for the construction of two new schools for Revelstoke. The total project will be \$48 million and will culminate with the opening of a brand new Revelstoke Secondary School and a new elementary school to serve the central student population.

The elementary school comes as a result of the Board's business case submitted to the Ministry to operate fewer facilities in Revelstoke in a significantly declining student environment. This new school will consolidate all of the elementary population in the downtown and central core into one new modern facility. This completes the Board's two-school closure plan which was laid out in 2001.



## Open House New Schools



**The Revelstoke School District and the City of Revelstoke would like to invite the public to a **drop in OPEN HOUSE** to view presentation materials regarding the new schools.**

Time and Date: **Wednesday, April 15 - 3 p.m. - 8 p.m.**

Place: **Recreation Centre Multi-Purpose Room**

Staff from the School District and City will be available to answer questions during this drop-in time. Areas of interest:

- *Design-Build Procurement Process*
- *Site Planning Considerations*
- *School Access for Traffic and Students*

**? Questions ?**  
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**SCHOOL SIZE AND DESIGN**

The new elementary school has been approved as a 250-student school plus Kindergarten. There will be 10 classrooms, a Kindergarten room, a Special Education space, a Library, a Multi Purpose space and a Gymnasium. The space entitlement for a new school for this number of students would be 2,330 m<sup>2</sup>.

## DESIGN-BUILD DELIVERY OF THE REVELSTOKE SCHOOLS PROJECT

Design-build is a procurement method where, in contrast to "design-bid-build" (or "design-tender"), the design and construction aspects are contracted with a single entity 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. The advantages of design-build are:

- the design-builder influences the design process and funds are saved by adopting a design that is less costly to construct – these savings can then be applied to fund building enhancements
- the design-builder assumes the design risks – any extraordinary costs that may result during the construction phase are borne by the design-builder
- the design-builder is able to reduce the delivery schedule by overlapping the design phase and construction phase of the project.

Typically a two-stage procurement process is followed.

The first stage involves the issuance of a Request for Qualifications. Proponent teams comprised of a general contractor, consulting architect (the coordinating professional), consulting engineers and other professionals, respond to the Request for Qualifications. We are currently in this stage, with the Request for Qualifications being issued on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009 to close on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The Request For Qualifications can be accessed by using the BC Bid website located at [www.bcbids.gov.bc.ca](http://www.bcbids.gov.bc.ca).

The School District shortlists up to three complete teams based on team composition; corporate experience; individual knowledge, experience, and abilities; and team understanding of the project.

In the second stage, the short-listed teams are invited to submit comprehensive proposals that meet the functional requirements and performance specifications established by the School District.

The School District evaluates the proposals submitted by the short-listed teams and selects the proposal offering the best blend of functionality, design, features, aesthetics, durability and cost using relative weightings for these criteria set out in advance by the School District.

Upon award of the design/build contract, design and construction risks are transferred to the successful proponent.

Some design and construction activities can proceed concurrently. For example, some construction work such as site preparation and foundations can commence before all detailed design work has been completed. In some circumstances, this results in earlier project completion.

### Project Timelines

We are working towards the following timelines:

- March 2009 - Issue request for qualifications
- May 2009 - Issue request for proposals
- Fall 2009 - Select preferred proponent
- Spring 2010 - Commence construction
- Summer 2011 - Achieve substantial completion
- September 2011 - Occupy new school

### Questions / Concerns

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