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Vic Davies Architecture Named Design Consultant for Pool Upgrade

Central Cariboo - The Cariboo Regional District and the City of Williams Lake have selected the Design Consultant Team for the Sam Ketcham Pool (SKP) Upgrade project at the West Fraser Aquatic Centre. The successful firm is Vic Davies Architecture from Victoria, B.C.

A total of six responses to the Design Consultant Request for Proposals were received and the SKP project working group conducted on-site tours and interviews with four short-listed candidates. Vic Davies Architecture was the most experienced firm and design team having completed forty 25-metre lap/competition pools, and 15 combined lap and leisure facilities for a total of 40 aquatic centres. The firm is considered an innovation leader in aquatic design; the first to design a leisure pool in Canada (Maple Ridge); first to incorporate a wave pool in British Columbia (Langley) and the first indoor accessible waterslide in North America (North Saanich).

“The Sam Ketcham Pool Working Group and our project management firm were pleased with the quality of the submissions we received for the renovations and upgrade design,” stated CRD Electoral Area F Director Joan Sorley. “Their extensive experience shows their ability to deliver exemplary designs on budget and on time.”

“The selection of the Design Consultant Team is another exciting step forward for this project,” said Williams Lake City Councillor Laurie Walters. “I can’t wait to see the results of the next design phase.”

The full project team including Vic Davies Architecture and Tango Project Management will be attending the next Central Cariboo Joint Committee meeting taking place June 17 at City Hall (450 Mart Street) in Council Chambers at 5 p.m. to introduce themselves to the community and elected officials. All residents are welcome to attend.

The Sam Ketcham Pool, located in the West Fraser Aquatic Centre at the Cariboo Memorial Recreation Complex will undergo an extensive renovation upgrade over the next two years. The next step in the project will focus on development of detailed designs. The initial schematic design phase is scheduled to be complete by late July and will conclude with a presentation to the joint committee and open house for the public to review and comment on the proposed design.

A Facebook page dedicated to helping provide information to residents and an opportunity for residents to ask questions can be found at facebook.com/SamKetchamPool. A Twitter feed can also be found at @SKPProject. Project updates will also be posted on the Cariboo Regional District website at cariboord.ca and on the City of Williams Lake site at williamslake.ca.

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