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## **CEI Retained for Pre-referendum Design of Arena Replacement Project Community design consultation to take place May 20-21**

*North Cariboo* – The North Cariboo Joint Planning Committee announced today that CEI Architecture (“CEI”) has been retained to provide design consultant services for the North Cariboo Arena Replacement Project during the pre-referendum stage.

CEI has been tasked with providing the necessary community consultation which will help them in designing an appropriate arena concept for the community. Early public consultation will be a key component to the design in order to develop materials that be presented to the public prior to the referendum.

On May 13, CEI will make their first trip to Quesnel to view the proposed site, and meet with staff and the North Cariboo Joint Planning Committee. CEI has identified May 20-21 will be dedicated to meeting with various stakeholder groups and conducting an intensive design planning process called a charrette. A presentation of CEI’s conceptual designs will be presented at an open house on May 29 in the arena lobby. This open house will provide an opportunity for residents to view the conceptual designs and provide the architect with feedback.

These will be the conceptual designs that we will share with the public at the referendum open houses which will take place the first week in June.

CEI is an award-winning design firm that is known for their work in recreation, focusing on innovative and sustainable designs tailored to the community. Three of their top projects include the Poirier Sport and Leisure Complex in Coquitlam, Gibsons’ Community Centre and Arena, and Nanaimo Ice Centre.

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