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Design of new Queen Charlotte/Haida Gwaii Hospital unveiled

Residents of Haida Gwaii came out today to have a firsthand look at the new designs for Queen Charlotte/Haida Gwaii Hospital replacement project. The project's preferred proponent – Bouygues Building Canada – was also on hand to answer questions at the community update meeting.

"The Queen Charlotte/Haida Gwaii Hospital replacement project is an important investment for British Columbians," said Minister of Health Terry Lake. "Bouygues Building Canada's architect partner Perkins+Will has produced a fantastic design that will provide families of Queen Charlotte/Haida Gwaii with a modern facility that will serve their health care needs for years to come."

Perkins+Will, a member of the Bouygues Building Canada team, met with the community to discuss the design concepts for the new facilities. Bouygues Building Canada was selected as the preferred proponent on June 19, 2013 and is currently working with Northern Health to finalize a design-build agreement to deliver the project.

The new hospital, with a reconfigured layout to better deliver acute care and emergency services, will house:

- 17 beds (eight acute care beds, eight residential care beds for clients with complex needs, and a labour/delivery/recovery suite);
- Emergency services;
- Oncology services;
- Diagnostic imaging;
- Laboratory;
- Provision for public health, mental health and addictions, and home and community care service, as well as local physician and emergency services;
- Pharmacy;
- Administrative offices;
- Food services;

- Logistical services;

"The community update meeting provided the community with a great opportunity to network with the Bouygues Building Canada prior to the official start of construction," said Carol Kulesha, Village of Queen Charlotte mayor and North West Regional Hospital District vice-chair. "The new hospital will be a great benefit for the community, and it is fantastic to see the dedication to this project from all partners including the preferred design-build team."

The community update gave residents of Haida Gwaii an opportunity to meet with representatives from the preferred proponent, Northern Health, and Partnerships B.C., and to hear an update on future stages of the project.

"This project is an important investment for families and future generations on Haida Gwaii in the delivery of quality, sustainable health care services," said Sheila Gordon-Payne, Northern Health northwest health service administrator. "The new facility will provide an enhanced working environment for our staff and physicians."

Construction on the new facility is expected to begin this summer, and be completed in the fall of 2015. The project will cost \$50 million.

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