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CALVIN KRUK CENTRE FOR THE ARTS PROJECT IS UNDERWAY

Dawson Creek, British Columbia -- The next major step to make The Calvin Kruk Centre for the Arts a reality has been taken. **MHPM Project Managers** has been hired to provide project management services on this landmark project for the community. Through a public competition process, MHPM was selected based on their extensive experience in managing similar projects and their complimentary expertise in sustainable design and construction. At 42 projects and growing, MHPM has led more sustainable and LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) projects than any other project management firm in Canada.

The Calvin Kruk Centre for the Arts will be housed in the historic post office building in downtown Dawson Creek. The 42,000 sq.ft. heritage building will be converted into a community and cultural centre and will feature the Kiwanis Performing Arts Centre, a multi-purpose theatre space, meeting rooms, dance and textile studios and administrative offices.

The old post office building will be rejuvenated to contain state of the art green technology, an important step in Dawson Creek's pledge to be carbon neutral by 2012. This \$9.25 million project has been supported by the governments of Canada and British Columbia who have each invested \$3.2 million.

This project needs the leadership of a project manager that has extensive experience in comparable unique project undertakings. "MHPM is ideally placed to provide that support and leadership. Our municipal project experience is deep and positive including the successful on-time, on-budget delivery of the iconic Richmond Olympic Oval and the City of Abbotsford Cultural Centre. We place emphasis on openness, consultation and collaboration as we target projects towards completion satisfying all objectives." Richard Harris, Vice President, Pacific Region, MHPM Project Managers.

This has been an important priority project for the City and the centre's supporters since the initial idea was floated by the late Mayor Calvin Kruk in 2006. With the project manager selected the City is ready to move forward. "MHPM is committed to working closely with the community and the City to ensure the project is a resounding success!" says Gerald Longson, Senior Project Manager, MHPM. This is an important project for Dawson Creek as it will preserve an important part of the heritage of the region. As the City evolves and develops, The Calvin Kruk Centre for the Arts and Dawson Creek will become a hub of culture and a meeting place for the community and the surrounding area.

About MHPM Project Managers

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