

*your guide for the week of February 12, 2007*

## Regular Update - Plan A

On September 25, 2006, Council voted unanimously to conduct a referendum for the borrowing of \$85 million to build a Cultural Centre, Community Recreation Centre, and an Entertainment and Sports Centre. On November 25th, the majority of voters authorized Council to proceed with the three projects, thereby making the most important decision about the future of Abbotsford since amalgamation.

Work is underway to make the Cultural Centre, Community Recreation Centre, and Entertainment and Sports Centre a reality. The City of Abbotsford will provide regular milestone updates to our citizens, as these important community projects are brought to life. The following highlights some of the activities since November 2006:

### Request for Proposals

- Several of Canada's most respected contractors expressed interest in building the three Plan A projects.
- On December 18, 2006, three contractors were invited to submit proposals for each project.
- The proposals will be submitted in early March.
- The successful contractor for each project will be selected shortly after receipt of the proposals.

### Grant submission to the Provincial and Federal Governments

- Council committed to pursue all potential funding opportunities with the Provincial and Federal Governments during the development of the Plan A projects
- January 22, 2007, Council authorized the submission of three grant applications to the Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund for \$2 million for each project, which is the maximum allowed under the program.

### Selection of a Project Manager

- The City invited eight qualified firms to submit proposals to be selected as the City's Project Manager for the three projects.
- Four high quality proposals were received by the January 31, 2007 deadline.
- The successful Project Manager will participate in the evaluation of contractor proposals.

### Pre-opening phase for the Entertainment and Sports Centre

- The City entered into an Interim Agreement with our facility operator Global Spectrum on July 10, 2006. Through this agreement:
- Global Spectrum and the City are working to identify a local ownership group and secure an ECHL hockey team for the new facility
- Global Spectrum is also providing expertise to ensure the final design includes the specifications necessary to build and operate a first class centre
- The City is now negotiating with Global Spectrum to complete a long-term operating agreement

### Technical Development Issues

The City continues to address technical development issues, including soils testing, lot consolidations, zoning and completion of land acquisitions.

### Project Development and Campaign Summary

Staff will present regular reports to Council at public meetings, which summarizes the project development process, campaign activities and related costs. Information updates will also be posted on the Plan A website at [www.plana.abbotsford.ca](http://www.plana.abbotsford.ca) and/or you can call the information line at (604) 864-5602.

Yours truly,



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