

The District of Summerland will be holding a ground breaking ceremony for the new RCMP Building on Friday, May 20th at 11a.m. on site at 9101 Pineo Court. MLA Bill Barisoff and Mayor Janice Perrino will be in attendance.

A citizen survey in 2009 indicated that the replacement of the existing RCMP building was a high priority. A referendum was held in 2010 with an overwhelming number of residents showing approval for this facility. “We have been working to replace the existing facility for several years now and I am very pleased to see the new building finally under construction,” said Mayor Janice Perrino.

The overall cost to build this building will be \$4,500,000 and was designed by KMBR Architects and Planners Inc. to meet current RCMP standards. The building will be built with energy savings and sustainable development as a high priority. The most significant energy saving will be a heat recovery system that utilizes the waste heat from the neighbouring ice arena plant to heat the new RCMP building. This will virtually eliminate the use of natural gas for heat and reduce the overall carbon emissions of the building. Other features include energy efficient lighting and the use of natural light as much as possible.

Funding for the new building is made up of \$3,125,000 in approved borrowing, a grant from the Province under the Towns for Tomorrow Program in the amount of \$375,000 and \$1,000,000 from the Municipal Reserve Funds.

Construction of the new building will commence next week and the new building should be completed by March 31, 2012.

“We are happy to be moving forward with the project and appreciate the support we have received from the citizens of Summerland,” said Srgt. Mona Kauffeld of the Summerland RCMP.

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