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Anmore Kicks Off Construction for New Community Hub

ANMORE, B.C. – Anmore celebrated a historic milestone today with the kick off of construction of the Anmore Community Hub – the first purpose-built municipal facility ever constructed for the Village. Council, staff and community members gathered today to celebrate, taking turns to put shovels in the ground to mark the occasion.

“The new Community Hub is a huge achievement that will benefit us today and long into our future” says Mayor John McEwen. “This was one of the top priorities for our Council, and we are proud to be celebrating this achievement with our community.”

A number of special guests joined the celebration, including members of the Smurthwaite family, who are long-time residents of Anmore and donated the Ma Murray house to use as a Village Hall in the late 1980s.

“There’s been a tonne of work to create a space that reflects our community’s priorities as well as improve functionality for our administrative work space and Council Chambers,” adds McEwen. “Today’s celebration marks the beginning of a new community facility that will make it easier for us to serve our residents and celebrate as a community.”

The new building is designed to provide administration space for Village staff, with a welcoming entry way that will feature historical Anmore photos and memorabilia, and space to operate as an Emergency Operations Centre and Reception Centre as needed. The Council Chambers will have plenty of room for seating along with technology that provides high quality audio and video for live-streaming meetings. The Council Chambers space will also function as a community room that will be able to accommodate indoor events, as well as host community group activities. Unlike the current trailers, the new building will also provide accessible public washrooms that can also be used when the Village hosts outdoor events at Spirit Park.

The Village is using an Integrated Project Delivery (IPD) model to manage the project and has received a \$2.5 million joint federal and provincial Investing in Infrastructure Grant and an additional \$125,000 in provincial grants. The IPD model involves a commitment to deliver the project at the agreed-upon \$8.5 million budget – even if higher costs reduce the contractor’s profit margin.

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