

# CAMPBELL RIVER TO SEE A FOUR-STOREY HOTEL



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**T**he City of Powell River Council referendum has passed and the city will move forward with plans to seek financing for a new public library at Crossroads Village Shopping Centre on Joyce Avenue. **Crossroads Village Shopping Centre** has offered the old Brick building at a substantial saving over other proposals for the new **Powell River Public Library**. **Kevin Sigouin**, spokesperson for the shopping centre, said the owners of the property were offering the City of Powell River a turnkey library, including renovation of the building and sale of the property, for \$4.9 million. The Crossroads Village contingent also indicated there is a \$150,000 per year revenue stream from the upstairs tenants that the city would accrue if it purchased the building for library purposes. The property, near the corner

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of Alberni Street and Joyce Avenue, encompasses 17,430 square feet of ground floor space. There is about 14,000 square feet of office space on the second floor.

The roof has been completed and the windows have been installed for the 58 room west-coast style hotel located in **Tyee Plaza** in Campbell River. Electrical and plumbing work is ongoing and is ahead of schedule. The drywall is being put up now and the pool is being completed. All sub-trades have been chosen for this project. The hotel will be called the **Comfort Inn and Suites**, Campbell River.

The four-storey hotel is located at 1357 Shoppers Row and almost all 58 rooms will feature an ocean view. The building also contains an indoor pool, sauna,

exercise room, breakfast room and meeting facilities. The building will be approximately 35,000 square feet in size and will be built with the rooms facing the ocean. The hotel plans to open on January 31, 2015. The **Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD)** has awarded the tender to **Bruce Carscadden Architect**, in association with **Thomas Dishlevoy Architecture Ltd.**, to provide engineering and contract management/construction oversight services for the CVRD curling centre renovation project. The construction portion of the project is scheduled to begin in late spring 2015. The total project budget, which includes engineering and construction contracts, is \$2 million to be funded by way of long term debt through the Municipal Finance Authority in the amount of \$1,900,000 and \$100,000 from the **Comox Valley Curling Centre**. The curling centre facility is over 50 years old and main components of the refrigeration plant are well beyond their life expectancy and are in need of replacement. Energy efficient building and mechanical upgrades will add an estimated 30 years of life to the CVRD facility.

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