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## **New Cultural Centre Delivered On Time and Under Budget**

**Abbotsford, September 10, 2008** – The Abbotsford Cultural Centre is set to be turned over to the City of Abbotsford officially on September 22 at 1:30 p.m. with a public Grand Opening Ceremony. The project was delivered on time and under budget by Project Managers MHPM, and General Contractor PCL Westcoast Constructors Ltd.

“The new Cultural Centre hasn’t even opened yet, and is already a success story,” says Mayor George F. Ferguson. “Council is delighted with the great working relationship that we have had with PCL and MHPM on this project. The project has exceeded expectations and we have lived up to our commitment to the tax payers to bring in this project on time and under budget.”

“In my almost 50 years of experience, this has been one of the best projects I have worked on,” says David Leeman, Senior Project Manager for MHPM Project Managers Inc. “The success of this project is due to the hard work by the Project Management team, the contractors and the city staff that have been involved and committed to this project from day one.”

The budget for the Cultural Centre was \$10.8 million dollars, and has come in \$347,000 under budget and on time. The Cultural Centre was originally approved with 4,000 square feet of exhibit space, but has been delivered with 6,000 square feet of exhibit space.

“The Cultural Centre Grand Opening is a milestone for the City of Abbotsford,” says Plan A Steering Committee Chair, Bruce Beck. “The first Museum and Art Gallery exhibits will reflect the rich history and artistic talent in our community and for the first time, these exhibits will be professionally displayed in a Museum and Art Gallery that are truly our own. Generations of Abbotsford residents of all ages and backgrounds will come to know their community much better by walking through these doors. This was community vision, delivered by thousands of local residents for the benefit of generations to come.”

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