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Mariners Centre Expansion Concept Designs Under Review

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Thursday, July 20th, 2023 - Yarmouth, N.S. – The Mariners Centre Expansion Project Committee (EPC) is currently reviewing concept designs for the planned expansion at Mariners Centre. Two initial proposals have been reviewed, and the committee has requested more concepts from the architect. The additional concepts, including associated costing, are expected by the end of July from Ventin Group Architects, who were awarded the Architectural/Engineering Design contract in April.

As the concept designs are received and evaluated, costing is a key part of the review process. The EPC is focused on an expansion project that will maximize functionality and features, while keeping within the project scope and budget of \$30 million (before fundraising). Once the EPC has reviewed and considered all concepts, options and costs, a recommendation will be made to members of the Mariners Centre Expansion Board (MCEB). The board will then approve, or recommend approval from the three partnering councils. A joint council meeting on the topic with Town of Yarmouth, the Municipality of Argyle, and the Municipality of Yarmouth will take place in the near future. Once a concept is selected, the architect will move ahead with a detailed schematic design.

“The MCEB has been engaged with the EPC and the architect over the last several weeks, and the process has been both exciting and challenging,” said MCEB Chair Nicole Albright. “A great deal of focus has been placed on ensuring the final concept is the best facility we can build, that serves as many residents as possible, all within the project budget. We need to get this right from the beginning, so the project committee have tasked the architects to present plans for a facility that offer a variety of options and configurations. We are eager to get the concept design finalized, approved, and out to the public as soon as possible.”

Another important success factor for the project will be fundraising. A strong team has been assembled for this effort, and they are ready to begin their campaign later this summer.

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About the Expansion Project Committee (EPC)

The EPC provides the day-to-day management for project, project scope and changes, and the approved project phase budget. The EPC provides recommendations to the MCEB for key milestone decisions and is responsible for project communications including monthly project status reports to the MCEB.

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About the Mariners Centre Expansion Board (MCEB)

The Mariners Centre Expansion Board provides project approvals, and is responsible for managing the expansion project on behalf of the Board and the three Councils. It provides approval of funds to the Expansion Project Committee (EPC), and is responsible for execution of the communication strategy and the municipal partner management.

MCEB Members

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Town of Yarmouth

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