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DCC opens the doors at CFB Esquimault's NOTC

The long and proud history of CFB Esquimault's Naval Officer Training Centre (NOTC) was polished and shined as DND personnel and DCC officials gathered to officially open two new facilities on the base Friday, September 30.

A design/build project has led to two new facilities replacing two outdated buildings at CFB Esquimault's Work Point property. A modern, 1,500-square-metre dining hall and galley is situated close to the existing facilities, while an accommodation building, with 86 double occupancy "cabins," is also located nearby.

Tony Knowler, the Project Manager who oversaw the job, noted that the environmentally-friendly and technologically-advanced facility is the first of its kind on the base.

"These buildings are the first at CFB Esquimault to fully embrace the 'integrated design' concept promoted by LEED (TM) (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design), a U.S.-based organisation that encourages energy efficient and environmentally friendly design and construction," said Knowler. "For example, instead of using power-hungry



Chief of the Maritime Staff, Vice-Admiral M. Bruce MacLean, cuts the ribbon to the new Naval Officer Training Centre (NOTC) Accommodation and Galley Facility at the official opening ceremony. Joining him, from left to right, is John Cook of Griffiths Rankin Cook Architects, Jim Huffman of Busby & Associates Architects, Stephen Karpyshin, DCC's Western Director, and Michael Flynn of Smith Carter Architects.

air handlers and air conditioning equipment for summer cooling, the design of these waterfront buildings utilises solar 'chimneys' to draw cool air from outside and circulate it through the buildings by natural convection, supplemented where necessary by variable speed fans."

The design/build contract was awarded to Westeinde Construction Ltd of Ottawa.

The dining room and galley

offers a single story building on partial crawlspace and basement. The building footprint and finished floor area is 1722 sq. m. (18,535 sq. ft.), with a dining capacity of 250 people.

A six-storey building provides accommodation for 172 people in 86 double occupancy cabins, with 7,340 square metres of finished floor area.

The total construction cost was \$15.58 million. The improvements to the accommodations and dining facilities will further enhance the NOTC's reputation as a leader in naval training.

Along with recent construction of administrative and educational buildings, such as navigation simulators, this DCC project helps make the NOTC one of the most modern institutions of its kind in the world.

As officials remarked when announcing the project, CFB Esquimault's NOTC has had a long and proud tradition of producing exceptional junior officers for the Canadian Forces.

DCC is proud to have contributed to the NOTC's development.



The new NOTC facilities at CFB Esquimault are, thanks to the close collaboration between DCC and DND, the first environmentally-friendly buildings of this type on the base. Because of DCC's close relationship with DND, and its strong understanding of the client's need, Canadian Forces personnel will be using a building that will continue the NOTC's proud tradition of training Canada's best and brightest officers.

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DCC director appointed to CPPC Board of Directors



George Plank, Director of DCC's Contract Services, was elected to the Board of Directors of the Canadian Public Procurement Council (CPPC) as DCC's representative on October 5.

He replaces Ron de Vries, DCC's Vice-President, Contract Services, who served on the Board for five years.

This mission of the CPPC is to support the public procurement community across Canada by promoting dialogue, facilitating information exchange, developing approaches to common issues and providing leadership for the resolution of shared problems.

ISS expansion means a closer relationship, both physically and strategically, with DND

DCC's Infrastructure Support Service Group (ISS) will be moving physically closer to DND's headquarters in late October, once it moves into shared quarters at the corporation's site office in Ottawa.

"We're now only a block away from National Defence Headquarters," said Hans Gartner, Manager of ISS.

But it's more than just a physical move that's bringing DCC even closer to the client.

Given the expansion of the ISS service line in recent years, DCC has been responding and adapting to the growing needs of DND, especially when it comes to property and asset management. From six employees to 24, the growth of ISS program and project management support, as well as the development of its realty and asset management services, means these initiatives have become "strong service lines," said Gartner.

"The whole field of program and project management is not only growing here in head office, but it's growing in each region. There's close to 50 regional personnel involved in program and project management as well. ISS and the regional staff add up to about 70 people in DCC, and most of that has been grown in the last two years."

The expansion of the ISS service line means DCC can be even more responsive to client needs. And with DCC's expertise in fields like project and program management,



The ISS group will be relocating to the Gillan building, a move that brings the growing team even closer to DND.

and realty asset management, the Corporation stands ready to meet the growing needs of DND.

"Realty asset management is an area of expertise that we have resident in new hires. Our clients are asking us to provide support in the areas of master realty asset development plan coordination, realty asset assessments and database updates."

ISS staff are scheduled to leave head office Friday, Oct. 28, for their new home on the eighth floor of 141 Laurier Avenue, in Ottawa. Staff should be ready for work in their new location the following Monday, said Gartner. Phone numbers will change, though each employee involved in the move will send their new contact information to all of their contacts, said Gartner.

Mapping the road ahead: DCC's strategic plan sets a clear course

Meeting the needs of the Department of National Defence is at the core of everything DCC does.

With a revamped and refocused strategic roadmap drafted after two days of annual planning sessions held in Ottawa in September, DCC will continue to focus on delivering value to the close relationship it shares with DND.

Four main themes – governance and leadership of the Corporation; effective stakeholder relationships; service delivery; and corporate sup-

port and organization capability – will drive the creation of DCC's new corporate strategy. The executive team will draft and implement business plans to ensure each of the four main themes' strategies are carried out.

From vice presidents to front-line staff, the goal is to give everyone a clear role in driving the corporation forward and meeting the needs of the client.

And from the client's perspective, DCC will be focused on maintaining a solid and strong relationship, and

continuing to take action on ways the Corporation can better serve the Department.

From a desire to maintain established and effective relationships with industry partners, to working with DND to ensure the Corporation continues to deliver value-added services and retains client satisfaction, DCC is committed to building stakeholder relationships and its high-quality services in support of defence projects.

The strategy will help guide the development of DCC's corporate plan.