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City Awards Contract for Arena

PITT MEADOWS, B. C. – Pitt Meadows City owned arenas have been undergoing a major transformation since the City acquired the facility in February of 2009. Nearly two years later, crews continue construction on a new building envelope, mechanical and HVAC systems and the interior is scheduled to have a new look and feel funded in part by a \$1 million grant received through the Federal Government's Recreation Infrastructure Canada (RinC) program.

After a national bid process, overseen by a steering committee including long-standing arena volunteers and representatives from the local business community, the City announced today that it has now awarded a new five year operating contract to Nustadia Recreation Inc. to oversee the day to day operations of the revamped three sheet, 80,000 square foot arena complex.

Nustadia Recreation Inc. are operators and developers of Community Multi-pad ice arenas with 7 facilities across Canada. "Nustadia is excited about the opportunity to become the City of Pitt Meadows Arena operator. We believe in delivering safe, sustainable recreation to communities and we believe that accessibility to all citizens is an important mandate to social, environmental and economic sustainability and lifestyle," said Garfield Ganong, President. Kelly Swift, General Manager of Community Development and Parks and Recreation noted that "Nustadia has a history of excellent relationships with their municipal partners, user groups and the communities they work in, and excel at delivering clean, safe and economically sustainable arena services."

Recreation Excellence was hired as an interim operator managing the facility throughout the renovations and will continue until Nustadia arrives on April 1, 2011. Swift has high praise for the work that Recreation Excellence provided during their tenure. "Rec Ex and their staff have been wonderful to work with. They understood what user groups and the City wanted and worked hard to deliver many improvements. They certainly provided the City and Nustadia with a great foundation to build from."

The arena upgrade will be complete during late spring 2011. The 2011/12 ice season will be hosted in, what will essentially feel like, a brand new arena.