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WLFN ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT PROJECT ON IR#6

Williams Lake First Nation today announced plans for a new mixed use development on San Jose Indian Reserve #6, near the intersection of South MacKenzie Avenue and Borland Street in Williams Lake. The development, which has been given the project name “The Osprey Nest” consists of a café and gathering space on the main floor and four separate open concept lofts on the second floor.

“We conducted a membership engagement session last week,” states WLFN Chief, Willie Sellars, “and the feedback was extremely positive. We’re excited to now be able to provide some information to the general public about our plans. This building will truly be a game-changer for our region. It will consist of a stunning 2000 square foot restaurant space with nearly a thousand square feet of outdoor patio space overlooking the lake and Scout Island. There will be some incredible features like an indoor mezzanine providing an intimate area for private meetings, and an outdoor rooftop patio. The second floor will be high-end open concept loft spaces with a total of eighteen feet of height. The views from these spaces will be amazing. We expect to utilize these lofts to provide accommodation to professionals working on major projects in and around Williams Lake. These units will also provide options for locum physicians, teachers, and others who we are attempting to attract to this area. There will really be nothing comparable in terms of temporary accommodations in and around Williams Lake.”

WLFN IR#6 is also the site of Unity Cannabis and Sugar Cane Cannabis. The 7,000 square foot Sugar Cane Cannabis building, which in January received its Health Canada cultivation license, is British Columbia’s first seed-to-sale cannabis facility. Doors to the Sugar Cane Cannabis Discovery Centre are expected to open to the public in March, with retail sales commencing in May.

“We’ve proven that WLFN projects are top-notch and cutting edge,” adds Chief Sellars. “This project will be a spectacular addition to the region, and we want its quality and character to reflect its indigenous ownership. The entire building will be accessible to those who are mobility challenged. It will generate numerous jobs, both during and after construction, create opportunities for capacity development, and provide a space for our community to gather in proximity to the lake. The outdoor patios are truly unique and offer something you can’t find anywhere else in the city. There are exciting possibilities in terms of farm-to-table at the restaurant, and we hope to really showcase what the Cariboo has to offer. We’re



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currently having discussions with a number of parties with respect to the management and operation of the restaurant portion of the building and we're still open to talking to others.”

The Osprey Nest project team consists of architect Michael McNaught of m² Architecture, general contractors Lauren Brothers Construction, and interior designer Rena Johnson of the Rusty Bucket. Construction of the Osprey Nest is slated to commence in Spring of 2022 and is expected to complete within one year of project commencement.

PROJECT RENDERINGS ARE BELOW

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A 3D CROSS SECTION OF THE OSPREY NEST, FACING WEST TOWARD WILLIAMS LAKE



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A 3D RENDERING OF THE OSPREY NEST, SHOWING THE LAKEFRONT PATIO AREA AND ROOFTOP PATIO



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