

COLLEGE OF THE ROCKIES KOOTENAY CENTRE EXPANSION GRAND OPENING



Cranbrook, BC, October 29, 2010 - KMBR Architects Planners Inc. is pleased to announce the Grand Opening of its third major project for the College of the Rockies in Cranbrook, B.C., led by partner-in-charge Gregg Brown, MAIBC FRAIC REFP LEED® AP, with Pamela Doherty IA.AIBC LEED® AP, as the design team leader.

The \$12.7M project was a major expansion of the south entrance of the college's main building, the Kootenay Centre, and was funded by the federal-provincial Knowledge Infrastructure Program that is investing in post-secondary institutions across B.C. The project was delivered on time and on budget and fast tracked using Construction Management, a fully integrated design process (utilizing KMBR's Holistic Project Delivery method) and integrated 3D modeling of Architectural, Structural, Mechanical and Electrical systems using Autodesk's Revit Building Information Modeling Software.

The Grand Opening celebration took place in the newly expanded south entrance and featured a ribbon cutting by honoured guests, a musical presentation by local Ktunaxa Nation musicians, and was well attended by College Faculty, staff, students, members of the local community and Ktunaxa Nation. Honoured speakers included: College of the Rockies President & CEO, Dr. Nicholas Rubige; Troy Sebastian, Special Project Coordinator, Ktunaxa Nation; Alex Jensen, Chair, College of the Rockies Board of Governors; Jim Abbott, Member of Parliament, Kootenay-Columbia; Bill Bennett, Member Legislative Assembly, East Kootenay and Scott Manjak, Mayor, City of Cranbrook.

The College of the Rockies President, Nick Rubige, claimed that the new facilities "greatly exceeded expectations" and Jim Abbott, Member of Parliament, Kootenay-Columbia was quoted saying,
"...it is grand and yet it is modest; somehow there has been a balance between those things..."
"... this is so emblematic of who we are..."

A video featuring excerpts from the Grand Opening Celebration can be viewed online at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NilH40LLk9A>

More project information can be viewed online at: <http://www.kmbr.com/projects/COTR-Kootenay/>

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