



# Corporate Report

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TO: **Mayor & Council**                      DATE: **October 3,  
2003**

FROM: **Manager of Planning,  
Design & Corporate  
Facilities**                      FILE: **6800-01**

SUBJECT: **Award of Design Contract for Learning and  
Discovery Centre**

## RECOMMENDATION

That the design contract for the Learning and Discovery Centre be awarded to Iredale Group Architecture for a total amount of \$322,000 plus GST.

## BACKGROUND

The Learning and Discovery Centre project was approved by Council as a 2003 Capital Project. The project consists of a new Museum facility to be designed and built in Cloverdale beside the 1912 Hall.

Out of 21 Statements of Qualifications received, eight (8) firms were short listed for an interview by the staff steering committee. Three firms were short listed to submit a full fee proposal. They were:

<b>Firm</b>	<b>Submitted Price</b>
Iredale Group	\$ 322,000
Boldwing Continuum Architects Inc.	\$ 378,000
Busby and Associates Architects	\$ 362,875

## EVALUATION

The firms were also evaluated on the basis of the consulting team, on their availability and references of the key personnel assigned to this project. The experience, availability, and references for the Project Manager were also

evaluated and taken into consideration.

The Iredale Group Architecture provided the strongest submission. It is intended for the design of the project to commence immediately upon the Award of Contract. The proposal is to commence the planning process within seven (7) days of the Award of Contract. The professionals fees are within the total project budget for the Learning and Discovery Centre Project.

## **CONCLUSION**

It is recommended to hire Iredale Group Architecture to proceed with the design of the Learning and Discovery Centre for a total fee of \$322,000 excluding GST.

Jean Lamontagne, Manager  
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