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The Next Steps - *Rosland Museum & Discovery Centre*

Public Invited to Assist in New Directions after Consultant's Report

Renowned museum expert Donald Luxton laid out exciting possibilities for the recently renamed ***Rosland Museum & Discovery Centre*** early in 2014. Now, the museum project's advisory committee is looking to the public to help identify next steps and identify priorities in a public session entitled "***The Next Steps***" on Wednesday April 16th from 5 – 7:30 pm at the Museum.

"The session will give everyone a chance to see the finalized Luxton Report, break down possible next steps and fundraising needs, share fundraising best practices from other communities, let people know the level of commitment from major players, and take stock of community resources," said Wayne Wilson, a Museum consultant who assisted Luxton with the report, who will be helping to emcee the event. The session will feature a presentation by Wilson at 6 pm with opportunities to discuss next steps and generate ideas afterwards. Free refreshments will be made available through Friends of the Museum.

"We have received great input through two open houses, a survey and other consultations. Now that we've got the most promising concepts that will renew and reinvigorate the Museum, we will focus our energies on determining doable next steps," added Libby Martin, Chair of the Museum Board.

Throughout the Fall of 2013, Vancouver-based museum consultant and architect Donald Luxton and his team explored and identified options for the Rosland Museum that included a new Atrium, a renewed Entrance Gallery, a cost-effective replacement to the closed Adit, and several other significant improvements. Luxton estimated that the Museum overhaul, while costing \$3 million in its entirety, could be broken down into smaller components that could be tackled as grant and other opportunities arise.

The Museum Gateway Project Committee includes representatives from the City of Rosland, the Rosland Museum and Archive Association, Tourism Rosland, Teck Metals Ltd. and other organizations.

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