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## **DARWIN PROPERTIES NAMED SUCCESSFUL BIDDER IN CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER'S REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE HARRY JEROME NEIGHBOURHOOD LANDS**

Darwin Properties is honoured to be selected by the City of North Vancouver as developer of the Harry Jerome Neighbourhood Lands, south of 23<sup>rd</sup> Street. The acquisition and redevelopment of the Lands will help fund a new Harry Jerome Community Recreation Complex on the north side. The proposed redevelopment will build on the foundation of the broad community process commenced in 2012, and will involve open and transparent public engagement.

"I have lived on the North Shore my whole life and started playing minor hockey at the Harry Jerome Centre when I was 6 years old. I have a lot of great childhood memories at the Recreation Centre and I am sure the same could be said for many North Shore families" said Oliver Webbe, President of Darwin Properties. "I truly believe that any development on this property should be focused on the needs of North Shore families and pay tribute to the legacy of Harry Jerome."

"This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to create a new city park, with a dedicated Daycare, that will span the entire length of Lonsdale and offer housing choices that do not currently exist in the City of North Vancouver. Our focus is to put North Shore families first. This means providing a variety of housing solutions, including affordable rental, market rental and family-oriented homes. We are looking forward to kicking off the community process with an open house on December 6<sup>th</sup> and encourage anyone who places parks, childcare and a variety of housing options as a priority to come out and have their voice heard."

The first public consultation event will take place on December 6, 2017, 5:30pm to 8:30pm at the North Vancouver School District Offices, Mountain View Room. The consultation process will also be available online so that the community has easy access to information as well as to provide feedback.

Darwin has created a website to share preliminary information on the project, community engagement process and project timelines. Visit [www.HarryJeromeProject.ca](http://www.HarryJeromeProject.ca) for more information.

The Darwin Group of Companies is a North Vancouver-based construction and development firm with over 30 years' experience. Darwin is one of the most active developers on the North Shore, with projects in all three municipalities. Its knowledge and experience of the North Shore real estate and construction markets, design and planning processes, and community outreach are second to none.

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