



Yasodhara Ashram

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Partnership in Kootenays to Build Innovative Temple

Kootenay Bay, BC / Nelson, BC, October 22, 2015: Yasodhara Ashram and Spearhead Inc., local organizations with a global reach, are now joining together for an innovative project right here in the Kootenays. Spearhead has recently been chosen from a pool of international contenders to be the fabricator for the new Temple of Light.

Yasodhara Ashram, a yoga retreat and study centre in Kootenay Bay, BC, suffered a tragic loss in June 2014, when an accidental fire destroyed their original Temple. “The past year has been one of regeneration and renewal for us,” says Swami Lalitananda, president of Yasodhara Ashram. “We committed to rebuilding the Temple and have found creative and skilled partners to help us make it a reality.”

Spearhead is a specialty fabrication company whose focus is on heavy timber, steel and architectural woodwork. Operating from Nelson, BC for over 20 years, Spearhead works with top tier architectural firms on projects all over the world, from Alaska to Dubai. Their sophisticated technology allows them to push the boundaries of basic materials and bring a high-level efficiency to complex projects.

The Temple of Light, designed by Patkau Architects, is an inventive form of curved panels that require specialized prefabrication. Spearhead will collaborate with the architects and construction team to produce precise digital models that link directly to their digital manufacturing equipment. The Temple’s structural components will be prefabricated at their facility, ensuring both quality and efficiency.

Tara Primeau, project manager at Spearhead, commented, “We were drawn to the Temple at Yasodhara Ashram not only because of its beautiful design but also because it is a local project. We have long admired the work of Patkau Architects and are really looking forward to working with them and the Ashram team.”

Thanks to Spearhead’s advanced technology, proximity to the Ashram and compatibility with Patkau Architects, a new working schedule for the build has been confirmed. With the prefabrication work to begin over the winter and installation to take place in the spring of 2016, The Temple of Light is projected to be ready for occupancy as of the fall 2016.

The project has added benefit to the Kootenay region, as it will put over 1.5 million dollars back into the local economy.

“We are delighted that our build will support our local economy,” says Swami Lalitananda. “Working with Spearhead is part of the Ashram’s long standing commitment to local resources and community resilience. It’s amazing to have found the best company in our own backyard.”

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