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Pre-Construction Contractor Hired for Academy

The Saint John Paul II Academy Foundation announced today that it has issued a letter of intent to enter into a contract with The Haebler Group of Vancouver for pre-construction services to build the permanent campus for Saint John Paul II Academy in South Surrey.

“Securing the services of a pre-construction contractor,” says Troy Van Vliet, board chair of the Saint John Paul II Academy Foundation, “represents another important milestone for this project. It is another step forward in getting our new campus built.”

“Hiring a pre-construction contractor at this stage,” says Nick Maile, the Foundation’s Owner’s representative, “means that we have at the table a builder’s perspective who will provide inputs into the detailed design work now underway for the building itself and overall campus.

“Haebler will be able to provide its advice on the design as it develops working alongside the architect and various engineering and building disciplines.

“Having Haebler at the table now with its extensive experience will ensure that we have as optimal a design and build for the Academy while allowing Haebler to prepare a detailed construction budget,” adds Maile.

The hiring of The Haebler Group was the result of an open and competitive tendering process where various construction companies were identified, and a short list of companies invited to submit bids for the work.

“This process was overseen by our Owner’s Representative,” says Van Vliet. “It involved review by the Foundation’s Building Committee both in identifying and short-listing companies and in a detailed review of the proposals received.

“The Foundation’s Building Committee is itself made up of various people from the construction industry. Having their review is invaluable in ensuring that we are protecting the Foundation’s interests in this area,” adds Van Vliet.

“The Committee’s recommendation was then reviewed by the Foundation’s board of directors and the decision taken to hire Haebler.”

“We are all very pleased that we will be working with The Haebler Group on this project,” says Van Vliet. “They have a great many years experience in building quality buildings throughout the lower mainland including many schools.”

The Haebler Group is a fully accredited general contracting and construction management firm with a longstanding reputation for uncompromising service. In business since 1959, it is committed to meeting the highest quality standards while providing attention to detail for its customers. It has a number of buildings to its credit including among others the Polygon Gallery (North Vancouver), Vancouver Public Library, redevelopment of Vancouver College, Flack Bock Building (Vancouver), Bowman Lofts and Fairview Green housing development in the city.

Saint John Paul II Academy is the newest Catholic co-educational secondary school in the Archdiocese of Vancouver having opened its doors in September 2018. It currently operates in White Rock offering a grade 8-10 program at its Pacific Avenue campus. As the school expands grades 11 and 12 will be added from September 2021 and 2022 respectively. It currently has a limited number of places available.

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Architectural Rendering

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Architectural rendering of Saint John Paul II Academy along 182nd Street at the corner of 24th Avenue, South Surrey. (Credit: EKISTICS Architecture)