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Fort St. John, B.C. Office announced

October 28, 2009

On October 28, 2009, Stewart, Weir & Co. Ltd. and Bennett Land Surveying partnered to create a local and client focused team to provide professional services to the public and private sectors in Central and Northern British Columbia.

Bennett Land Surveying has been active in British Columbia for over 35 years and Stewart Weir has been active in Western Canada since 1912. The combined forces and mutual interest in client satisfaction are aimed at providing a high level of service and a wide range of expertise to all clients. This is a case where the sum will be greater than the individual parts.

[Additional Information \(PDF\)](#)

Stewart Weir's Lethbridge Office

June 22, 2009

Stewart Weir is very pleased to announce that Ms. Connie Petersen, P.Eng., A.L.S. has joined our organization as our Regional Manager in Lethbridge to lead anticipated growth in southern Alberta.

With her considerable municipal and land development experience as well as her background in Engineering and Geomatics, Connie will fortify our existing southern Alberta presence. Connie places a high value on client satisfaction and superior quality. And this is an ideal fit with Stewart Weir's goals.

Stewart Weir has been active in southern Alberta since the early 1990's. We are excited to have an opportunity to provide a sustained presence, on a local level, to existing and new clientele.

Benefits Plan Earns National Ranking

June 1, 2009

When it comes to ranking human resources plans, the best judges are the personnel who use them. For that reason, personnel feedback was used to determine Benefits Canada magazine's third annual Employees' Choice: Top 30 Pension and Benefits Plans list, released today in the June issue of the magazine. Stewart Weir ranked #16 on the list; one of five Alberta Companies who made the list!

Employee opinion data related to benefits from more than 200 Canadian organizations was used to determine the Top 30 list. Each candidate participated in the 2009 Best Employers in Canada study, the 2009 Best Small & Medium Employers in Canada study, or a custom employee engagement study conducted by Hewitt Associates, a global human resources consulting and outsourcing company.

Chief Business Officer, Brian Pearse, P.Eng. indicates that "we are delighted that our personnel view our plans as meeting their needs. We've taken extra steps to design a comprehensive program that promotes various benefits from fitness to retirement savings."



Stewart Weir Receives ISO Certification

May 7, 2009

In appreciation of the efforts of all of our personnel, Stewart Weir is very proud to announce that we have been successful in attaining ISO 9001:2008 Certification of our quality management system (QMS) for our Sherwood Park and Grande Prairie offices!

We are currently in the process of integrating our Calgary and Bonnyville offices with QMS and we are hopeful that our affiliated company, USW Gamma Industrial Services Ltd. will receive their certification within the next 12 months.

Stewart Weir developed this process to achieve unparalleled client satisfaction in our industry by maintaining and improving upon our reputation for superior quality and cost effective solutions. We are confident that the policies and procedures of our QMS will assist us in ensuring success in these areas. Furthermore, by focusing on client satisfaction and meeting or exceeding the expectations of our personnel, we believe we will remain a sustainable company.

Stewart Weir's business activities encompass consulting, planning, design, tendering, construction layout, construction management, construction surveys, and record collection associated with infrastructure as well as cadastral boundary establishment for the public and private sectors.

1. Stewart Weir's quality policy is to provide services and deliverables of superior quality in an effort to achieve consistent client satisfaction. The requirements of the Stewart Weir quality management system are implemented through:
2. Client satisfaction – effective communication, understanding of requirements, superior quality, and feedback on performance.
Continual improvement – continual improvement of the effectiveness of the Quality Management System.
3. ISO Requirements – an established, documented, and implemented Quality Management System that meets ISO 9001:2008 requirements.
4. Compliance – a Quality Management System that meets legal and regulatory requirements.

Stewart Weir Corporate Announcement

January 8, 2009

Stewart, Weir is very pleased to announce that our Mr. Jim Uhl has been appointed to the position of Manager, Corporate Development.

The Business & Corporate Strategy Department was established to facilitate leadership, incubation of ideas and the cultivation of concepts as well as interaction and communication.

Jim brings a history of leading initiatives through his previous employment with Alberta Transportation, M.D. of Greenview, and M.D. of Northern Lights. He also brings his 10 years of experience with Stewart Weir as Regional Manager of the Grande Prairie area – a position that he vacated approximately 14 months ago to pursue other initiatives within Stewart Weir.

Stewart Weir CEO Ron McGaffin says that "Jim's appointment will vastly improve the internal and external communications and initiatives needed for Stewart Weir to move forward and be a full-service provider to the public and private sectors in western Canada. I am really pleased that Jim has taken on this challenge."

Jim Uhl indicates that "I am looking forward to working with Stewart Weir people and clients in all locales. Hopefully, I will be able to contribute to our growth through internal and external efforts as well as maximizing our client exposure through the awareness of all of our functions. The confidence of the Stewart Weir management is appreciated."

Stewart, Weir is a Western Canada Engineering and Surveying consulting firm, with over 300 personnel, specializing in Transportation Infrastructure, Community Infrastructure, and Materials Testing Engineering as well as Surveying, 3D Scanning, Mapping, and GIS development for industrial, municipal, and land development clients.

Stewart Weir Earns Nationwide Ranking

The Globe and Mail has recently announced that a local company with headquarters in Sherwood Park has been ranked one of the Top 50 Best Small and Medium Employers in Canada.

Stewart Weir & Co. Ltd. was ranked 21st in the Nationwide, prestigious competition undertaken by the University of Kingston's, Queen's School of Business.

Since moving to Sherwood Park in 2006, the Company has seen its staff complement grow from 150 to over 300. Today the consulting company provides engineering, surveying and mapping services to clients including municipal, industrial and large corporations throughout Alberta.

The Company's success can be directly attributed to building a work environment that recognizes the need for a balance between challenging and rewarding employment and a friendly and "family like" work atmosphere. "We believe we can do better than just provide benefits and retirement programs to compensate and retain staff", says Ron McGaffin, CEO. "Today you have to engage your personnel, respect them and give them an incentive to do a great job." He goes on to say "the Sherwood Park community has also played a role in our success through the facilities at Millennium Place and the activities of the Chamber of Commerce."

Looking ahead, the Company is expecting to continue its' growth as it approaches its' 100th Anniversary in 2012. The learnings from the award ranking process will be utilized to further enhance the Company's work environment, which will directly impact their ability to meet their growth goals and more importantly provide a rewarding and meaningful career for all their staff.

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Quality Management System

January 7, 2009

We take great pride in the quality of our work. The quality of our work can significantly impact our ability to attract and maintain clients and most importantly, attain client satisfaction. To maintain and even improve upon our reputation for quality Stewart, Weir has implemented a Quality Management System to ISO 9001-2008 Standards.

Our internal audit training dates are scheduled for January 2009. Stage 1 of the external audit is March 20, 2009 with Stage 2 being scheduled for April 27 & 28, 2009. Once those are completed Stewart, Weir will be eligible for registration effective May 1, 2009.

Stewart, Weir looks forward to achieving ISO certification and continuing to provide high quality and cost effective solutions to all our clients.

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