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## **AND THE WINNER IS... CANADIAN NAVY MONUMENT DESIGN SELECTED**

**Canada's Capital Region** – The National Capital Commission (NCC) and the Canadian Navy congratulate Team McWilliams/Bakker/Haden (Al McWilliams, Joost Bakker and Bruce Haden) from British Columbia. The team's design for a new naval monument at Richmond Landing, in the core of Canada's Capital, was selected in a design competition by the internationally renowned jury in October 2009.

The winning design reflects many facets of the Canadian Navy in its use of the naval black, white and gold colours to create a distinctively sculpted open space charged with meaning. At the heart of the monument site is a white form suggestive of a multitude of naval associations, ranging from sails to classic ship design lines to icebergs to naval attire. The design also makes use of gold spheres, which speak of the sun, moon, stars and the global reach of the Canadian Navy.

“Our team always felt that the core focus of our design must be to serve the interest of our Navy and to ensure that their contribution to our country is visibly honoured and respected,” said Bruce Haden of Team McWilliams/Bakker/Haden. “We understand that a successful design must speak to all citizens of Canada, but must especially reflect back the importance of their role to those who have served and will serve in the Canadian Navy.”

The five finalists, Team Charney, Team Hilton Moore/Brook McIlroy, Team Leinster, Team McWilliams/Bakker/Haden and Team Pearl, showcased their design concepts at the navy monument design concepts vernissage, which took place in Ottawa on October 1, 2009. Comments from the public, the technical committee and the NCC's Advisory Committee on Planning, Design and Realty were gathered and reviewed by the Canadian Navy Monument jury.

The five design concepts were varied, and each displayed strong features. However, the selection of the McWilliams/Bakker/Haden team design concept was a unanimous jury decision.

The NCC and the Canadian Navy are pleased to be working with the British Columbia based team which will realize an enduring monument and gathering place in the core of Canada's Capital.

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Team McWilliams/Bakker/Haden will now spend the next few months finalizing all design components. Construction of the new naval monument will begin in spring 2010. The monument will be unveiled in the spring of 2011, completing a year of naval centennial celebrations.

For information regarding the centennial of the Canadian Navy, please visit: **<http://www.navy.forces.gc.ca/centennial>**.

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