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# BLUEPRINT newsletter

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## RPK WINS QUALITY BASED SELECTION RFP

Last November,  
RPK was selected by  
Alberta Infrastructure for  
the Misericordia  
Emergency Department  
Redevelopment

*What made this RFP notable was that it used  
a Quality Based Selection (QBS) model to  
choose a prime consultant.*

**QBS** is a procurement method that  
excludes fee as part of the  
selection process. A team is selected entirely  
based on their skills and expertise. QBS has  
demonstrated that owners get better outcomes  
and greater value by excluding price as an  
evaluation criterion. In other words, firms are  
selected based on pure qualifications to do a  
project, instead of their low bid.

RPK was honoured to be selected for this  
project and looks forward to completing  
the design work and seeing it through  
construction. Stay tuned for future updates on  
this exciting project!



# VIRTUAL REALITY

## AS DESIGN TOOL



Since late 2017, RPK has been using Virtual Reality (VR) images and animations to assist clients with better understanding the look and feel of their projects. A major advantage of utilizing Building Information Modelling (BIM) to develop the design drawings is that we are able to translate the 3D technical model into a 3D virtual reality model through the use of Enscape software. The VR model can be viewed on a computer or in true 3D using special VR goggles and a smartphone. It greatly enhances the ability for all stakeholders to better understand the functional and spatial layouts and the architecture of the building leading to more meaningful and detailed feedback on the design.

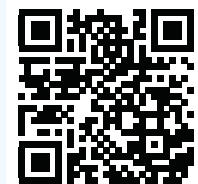
### TAKE A VR TOUR USING YOUR PHONE



1-Bedroom  
Kitchen



1-Bedroom  
Balcony



Exterior VR Views

Interior and exterior tours are available! After downloading a QR Code reader to your phone, you will be able to scan or snap a picture of the barcodes above. Your app will either automatically open a browser window and direct you to the tour; or offer you buttons to copy the link to a browser or open a browser window.





# TWO FOR THE QUARTERS

QUARTERS DISTRICT REVITALIZATION

**RPK** is excited to enter the Schematic Design phase for two buildings in the Quarters District of Edmonton.

Together with select potential tenants and the City of Edmonton, scenarios are being developed to determine the best revitalization of two fairly low profile buildings.

Prior to Schematic Design, RPK oversaw the review of existing condition reports, the creation of measured drawings, and the provision of preliminary costing for the base level of required work. We look forward to contributing to this historic Edmonton neighbourhood.



- A modern and sustainably designed home in Old Strathcona is taking shape with exterior finishes about to get started
- Sakaw Terrace, a new seniors affordable housing project developed by GEF Seniors Housing is more than halfway through construction and due to be complete this fall
- RPK is working with two Edmonton based not-for-profit affordable housing organizations to develop design and facility standards for their upcoming projects
- Working drawings are in progress for a new affordable housing project in the Belvedere neighbourhood of Edmonton with construction due to start this summer
- Construction for three seniors' supportive living projects in Lac La Biche, Wetaskiwin and Cochrane are nearing completion with residents moving in at various points over the remainder of 2018
- Schematic design is nearing completion for the redevelopment of the Coliseum LRT station

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