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Government of Canada Supports North Vancouver Museum and Archives

July 31, 2015; North Vancouver, BC – Today, Andrew Saxton, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance and Member of Parliament for North Vancouver, on behalf of the Honourable Shelley Glover, Minister of Canadian Heritage, announced that the Government of Canada is providing \$2,200,000 to support the relocation of the North Vancouver Museum. This will increase the visibility and triple the exhibition space of the museum.

The museum is relocating to the redeveloped Shipyards neighbourhood of North Vancouver, BC and will renovate the historic WWII-era Pipe Shop building to become its new home in 2017.

The renovations will consist of the addition of a second floor and mezzanine area, installation of a new sprinkler system; installation of an HVAC system; electrical and security system upgrades, and other modifications required for the building and it's space to meet the museum's needs.

Located in a revitalized, multi-use waterfront development of the historic Shipyards neighbourhood, the new museum will be a place where Canadians can learn about the history of our region and explore its present.

Quick Facts

- The project will result in a new museum that has an improved ability to collect and interpret, tripling of exhibition and programming areas, and the creation of a new children's gallery, all while maintaining the integrity of the Pipe Shop which was built in 1940.
- Annual attendance at the new facility is projected to be over 60,000, providing a significant and positive economic impact to the community.

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Quotes

“Through projects such as this, our Government is committed to making our museums accessible to Canadians and improving the physical conditions necessary to fostering creativity and innovation in our cultural spaces. This significant federal funding will help ensure that the Pipe Shop at the Shipyards, an historic piece of North Vancouver’s history, will be preserved for the enjoyment of all who visit the new museum.”

- *Andrew Saxton, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance and Member of Parliament for North Vancouver*

“This generous funding from the Government of Canada will help create an innovative, new heritage facility in the heart of our community. With the opening of the new Museum at The Shipyards in 2017 (Canada’s 150th anniversary), history and culture will find a new and nurturing home on North Vancouver’s vibrant waterfront. Built with leading-edge technology, it will set a new standard for exploring history and heritage. The new Museum will generate new economic benefit for the entire community, encouraging audiences of all ages to visit again and again.”

- *Nancy Kirkpatrick, Director, North Vancouver Museum and Archives*

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