

FACT SHEET

New North Vancouver Museum

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June 2017 – In 2019 a new North Vancouver Museum will open in Lower Lonsdale to replace the old museum located in Presentation House (209 West 4th Street, NV). It will be operated by the North Vancouver Museum and Archives (NVMA), a shared partner agency of the City and the District of North Vancouver.

MISSION: To engage, strengthen and inspire our community and its visitors by exploring history, connecting people and sharing ideas.

ACTIVITIES: Bringing history to life by preserving historically valuable records, organizing exhibitions, offering educational programs, caring for collections, documenting local history and providing access to archival resources.

NEED FOR A NEW MUSEUM: The old museum, which opened in 1976, is located out-of-the-way in a 1902 elementary school building. It does not meet museum facility standards for public spaces, visitor amenities, collection preservation, security and environmental controls. The new building, approved by the City of North Vancouver in December 2016, will be state-of-the-art. It fulfills a long-standing community effort to replace the old museum with a modern facility in a central waterfront location.

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Architect's rendering of entrance to the New Museum on west Esplanade showing historic North Vancouver Streetcar #153 in the lobby

NEW MUSEUM FACTS AND FIGURES:

Location: 100 block West Esplanade (in a new retail/residential development, Promenade at the Quay)

Neighbours: adjacent to Lonsdale Quay, the new Polygon Gallery and the Seabus terminal

Size: 16,000 sq ft in a City-owned amenity space; includes 5,500 sq ft of exhibit space and 5,000 sq ft of public activity space

Capital Cost: \$5.55M (\$3M from the Government of Canada and \$2.55M from the City of North Vancouver)

Additional Funding: \$2M million in additional funds will be sought to outfit and enhance the new museum galleries and programs

Museum architects: Vancouver-based Urban Arts Architecture

Exhibit planners: North Vancouver-based exhibit design collective KEI Space

Projected opening: summer 2019

Description:

- 2.5 times more gallery space and 3.5 times more area for visitor amenities compared to the old museum
- State-of-the-art climate-controlled exhibit and collection management areas, plus welcoming spaces for school classes, programs and events
- A temporary gallery that meets 'Class A' standards to host travelling exhibits from other museums
- A new home for North Vancouver's iconic Streetcar #153 in the museum lobby