

BUILDING A MUSEUM AS EXTRAORDINARY AS THE COMMUNITY IT WILL SERVE



The Permanent Gallery (artist's rendering)

DEVELOPING INDIGENOUS PARTNERSHIPS

We're committed to incorporating Indigenous stories from North Vancouver throughout the exhibits in the New Museum. And we're taking important steps right now to prepare for our opening in 2020.

- NVMA formed an Indigenous Voices Advisory Committee (IVAC) in 2014 with representatives from both local First Nations.
- The IVAC is helping to ensure that stories from the Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations are incorporated in the permanent gallery, and are reflected in design elements, programs and feature exhibits.

- We commissioned Chief Janice George (Squamish) and Carleen Thomas (Tsleil-Waututh) to act as cultural advisors on the content and design of the permanent exhibit.
- NVMA received a 2018 Heritage Legacy Fund grant for Indigenous Partnerships from Heritage BC. The grant has enabled us to hire an Indigenous Community Engagement Researcher to work with local communities to provide additional Indigenous perspectives and content.
- A Research Curator has been hired to help prepare for the New Museum's inaugural feature exhibit *The Sisters/ The Lions: Mountains, Myth, Muse*. Known as "The Sisters" (Ch'ich'iyúy Elxwíkn) by Coast Salish people, and named "The Lions" by settlers, the exhibit will explore the mythic qualities and spirit of place of these iconic symbols of the Vancouver area.
- Carver Wade Baker continues his work on the large cedar welcome panel that will feature prominently in the museum's Entrance Pavilion. The carving depicts the story of "The Sisters" peaks that tower above North Vancouver.

STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITY
through telling our stories!

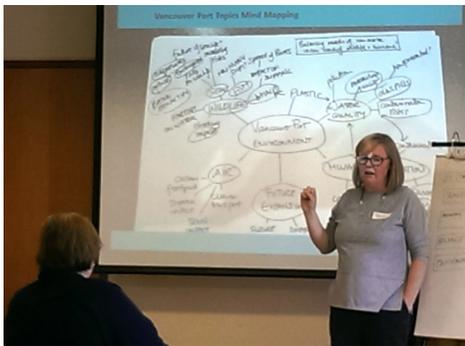


Coast Salish baskets from the collection.

New Museum of North Vancouver in Lower Lonsdale

PROGRAM PLANNING UNDERWAY

With the hiring of an experienced public programs specialist, NVMA staff and docents kicked off the planning process for a suite of new programs. Program Planner Pamela Roberts comes to us with a strong background in museum education. Working at major museums in Scotland, she was responsible for developing learning programs for audiences across the country. Pamela began her work at NVMA by surveying contemporary models of museum programming and is now working with staff and the community to develop a variety of program formats that will engage a range of audiences.



Program planner Pamela Roberts leading a workshop with staff and volunteers at the Community History Centre in November

NVMA Director Nancy Kirkpatrick recently returned from MuseumNext, a conference for people leading change in museums around the world. She brought back numerous inspiring examples of innovative programs that could serve as models for the new Museum of North Vancouver. NVMA is aiming high. We want to offer programs appealing to diverse audiences – children, seniors, youth, families, newcomers, and tourists – programs that will not only entertain and educate, but will also inspire and serve community needs.

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Shipyard Pals with the LLBIA Roving Ambassadors

SHIPYARD PALS AND ROVING AMBASSADORS IN LOWER LONSDALE

"... opening of the fancy new North Vancouver Museum in 2020 will cement the area's culture-hub credentials." (Lonelyplanet.com)

We know all about Lower Lonsdale and now readers of Lonely Planet do too. The Lower Lonsdale Business Improvement Area (LLBIA) has been helping get the word out and their work caught the attention of Lonely Planet. This past summer, the LLBIA also supported an informal tourism research exercise undertaken by our theatrical interpreters, the *Shipyard Pals*, and the North Vancouver Visitor Centre's Roving Ambassadors. Both teams of summer students interacted with hundreds of visitors daily, so NVMA asked them for their thoughts on the overall experience in the area, visitor feedback, and how the New Museum might contribute.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Plans and preparations are well underway for the launch in 2019 of a community fundraising campaign to generate \$2.5M to outfit and equip the new museum.

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