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## The new Museum of North Vancouver receives a donation in celebration of CN's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary

North Vancouver, BC –

On August 20, 2019, CN announced a donation of \$100,000 to the North Vancouver Museum and Archives in celebration of CN's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

“The City is grateful for CN Rail's generous donation to our new museum,” says City of North Vancouver Mayor Linda Buchanan. “An important historic community partner, CN Rail's presence in the new North Vancouver Museum is an ideal fit and a welcome addition that will enhance our museum's offerings.”

CN has been part of North Vancouver's history since the 1920s. At that time, a rail bridge was built across Burrard Inlet to service waterfront industries. The stories of our community's economic history have been shaped over the past century by rail links and transportation networks that connect the North Shore to the Vancouver region and the world beyond. These stories will be featured in the new museum.

“We are delighted that CN has recognized the North Vancouver Museum and Archives (NVMA). Their donation will support the “Connections Exhibit” which opens next fall,” says Wesley Wenhardt, the NVMA's new director. “The exhibit will tell the stories of physical connections through transportation networks—by rail, road, and water—using a unique combination of artifacts and interactive content. Through personal stories, it will also explore social connections among diverse community members.”

### **About the new Museum of North Vancouver**

North Vancouver's history and stories will be brought to life for residents and visitors in an extraordinary new 16,000 sq. ft. museum in North Vancouver's Shipyards District (115 West Esplanade) opening in Fall 2020. For more information: <https://nvma.ca/extraordinarymuseum/>

### **About the North Vancouver Museum and Archives**

The North Vancouver Museum and Archives (NVMA) is a partner agency of both the City and the District of North Vancouver. NVMA receives ongoing support from both municipalities and from the Government of British Columbia through the BC Arts Council.

### **About the Community Fundraising Campaign for a new Museum**

A \$2.5M Community Fundraising Campaign is underway to enhance and complete the new museum. This will allow NVMA to build interactive exhibits, outfit spaces and create engaging programs within the new facility. With donations from businesses, individuals, families, foundations, and government agencies, the Museum will open its doors in fall 2020.

The City of North Vancouver has provided a City-owned amenity space for the new museum. We thank the City of North Vancouver and the Government of Canada, lead donors to this project, for their generous financial support totalling \$6.1M.

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To sign up for ongoing updates about the new museum: <https://nvma.ca/newsletter-sign-up/>