



Media Release

Press Release

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Grand opening of the Civic Square and Public Library, on November 19th

Truro – Everybody is invited to come and celebrate at Truro’s brand new Civic Square and Public Library, on Saturday, November 19th between 1pm and 3pm. The Grand Opening celebration will be a great opportunity for our local residents to appreciate how deeply this place is connected with our community.

“Truro’s Civic Square tells a great story of community spirit” says Mayor Bill Mills. “Its design is the result of a public consultation process, which means this park is truly our Park, it is every resident’s Park – public engagement has been a key component in shaping such an amazing space! Tapping into the community’s ideas was crucial in deciding what could be done to improve the existing space and in developing a vision for the new Civic Square.”

The Government of Canada provided a \$736,718 non-repayable contribution to the Town of Truro’s civic square project through the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA)’s Innovative Communities Fund.

“The Government of Canada is pleased to have invested in the creation of Truro’s new public civic square,” says The Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development and Minister responsible for ACOA. “This transformation provides a central outdoor space for community activities and special events, drawing residents and visitors to the downtown core and generating economic renewal through increased traffic to local businesses.”

“The Municipality of the County of Colchester is proud to have partnered in the new regional library for all our residents. The library is a beautiful facility that reinvigorated one of our magnificent heritage buildings and ensures it retains a prominent place in our community,” says Mayor Christine Blair. “The Civic Square is sure to become the natural gathering place and focal point for our whole community.”

Everybody is invited to the Grand Opening celebration of Truro’s brand new Civic Square and Public Library. Join us on Saturday, November 19th between 1:00 and 3:00 pm for refreshments, entertainment and community spirit as we commemorate these two new fixtures in the heart of downtown Truro.

Downtown Truro Partnership President Karen Baillie says *“The Downtown Truro Partnership knows the importance of development projects within an urban core and we are extremely proud to be a part of the Civic Square Project. We believe that the square, combined with the wonderful new public library, will inspire people to create new friendships, generate new ideas, exchange knowledge and best of all, to relax. The essence of the downtown will be enhanced and will encourage that unique environment for business and urban living in the heart of our community. These developments will provide that exceptional*

destination that draws residents and visitors and attracts new businesses to establish themselves. The DTP is delighted to see it all unfolding.”

According to Janet Pelley, Library Director, “The vision was to save, renovate, and expand the 19th century Normal College and to create an innovative and flexible space for the region’s busiest library, a space which will function for many years as a community anchor and as a place where people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds will want to be for learning, culture, and fun. We hope we have succeeded. My appreciation goes to the large team who made it all happen – taxpayers, donors, builders and architects, Truro and Colchester officials and staff, the Library Foundation, the Library Board, and my colleagues on staff. It took generosity, collaboration, and hard work.”

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