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Niagara Falls Public Library Receives \$300,000 Donation from McCall MacBain Foundation

Renovation of Stamford Centre Library moving forward

Niagara Falls, Ont. (April 20, 2023) – After a few months of fundraising for renovations of the Stamford Centre library location, Niagara Falls Public Library is thrilled to announce a gift of \$300,000 from the McCall MacBain Foundation. The donation is a large step towards the campaign's \$500,000 fundraising goal. The renovation will increase square footage, improve accessibility, and ensure that it meets the needs of the local community.

John McCall MacBain, Founder and Chair of the McCall MacBain Foundation, grew up in Niagara Falls. He attended A.N. Myer Secondary School and the nearby Stamford Centre location was his childhood library. In 2007, he and his wife, Dr. Marcy McCall MacBain, founded the McCall MacBain Foundation, which supports initiatives in education and scholarships, climate change and environment, and youth mental health and well-being. John has also long supported initiatives in his hometown, including the annual MacBain Niagara Falls Scholarships for graduating high school students, the MacBain Community Centre, and most recently the Niagara hospital.

Since 2017, the Stamford Centre location noticed an influx of students using the library as a community space during lunch hours. Responding to this demand, the library introduced new programming to serve the teens and provide access to library resources. However, demand for programming quickly exceeded the limits of the space. Building on their long-time support for youth in Niagara Falls, the McCall MacBain Foundation's gift will allow for construction of the new MacBain Family Community Room, ensuring the library can continue to meet student demand for services in the newly renovated space.

"I am pleased to be able to support the Stamford Centre library location to serve students from my alma mater, A.N. Myer, and Niagara Falls at large," says John McCall MacBain OC. "Having grown up nearby, I know this location has long served as a vibrant community hub, and that's why the McCall MacBain Foundation is investing in the new MacBain Community Room. It is wonderful to know it will serve generations of Niagara Falls youth."

“We can’t thank the McCall MacBain Foundation enough for their donation to the Stamford Centre Library renovation project,” says John Anstruther, Vice-Chair of the Niagara Falls Public Library Board. “Donations like this one ensure the revitalized Stamford Centre location is the best it can be and will support the entire Niagara Falls Public Library system for years to come.”

Renovations began in early March and the targeted opening date for the Stamford Centre location is early 2024. Prior to the launch of the fundraising campaign, the Niagara Falls Public Library also received a non-repayable contribution of \$750,000 from the Government of Canada through the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario) as part of the Canada Community Revitalization Fund.

“The Government of Canada is investing in projects that modernize local gathering spaces and improve accessibility. The expansion and improvements at Stamford Centre Library in Niagara Falls will create a fully-accessible community and digital hub for everyone to enjoy,” says Filomena Tassi, Minister responsible for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario.

“The support from the Niagara Falls community has been heart-warming and we’re so appreciative of our residents and their continued donations,” says Anstruther. “There is more fundraising to be done before we meet our campaign goal but we’re so happy to know the community is behind us and supporting the renovation of the Stamford Centre Library.”

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About the McCall MacBain Foundation

The McCall MacBain Foundation was founded in 2007 by John and Marcy McCall MacBain. The Foundation aims to improve the welfare of humanity by providing scholarships and other educational opportunities that nurture transformational leadership and by investing in evidence-based strategies to address climate change, preserve our natural environment, and improve health outcomes.

About the Niagara Falls Public Library

The Niagara Falls Public Library is a free, inclusive community space open to all. Residents of the City of Niagara Falls are invited to register for a free library card to access all of our resources, both physical and digital. The Niagara Falls Public Library dates back to 1878, and today has four library locations serving the City of Niagara Falls - Victoria Avenue Library, Community Centre Library, Chippawa Library, NovelBranch library kiosk at the Gale Centre as well as the Stamford Centre Library which is currently closed for construction. Please visit our website at nflibrary.ca for more information.

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