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Grand Opening of the new Kentville Library

KENTVILLE, NOVA SCOTIA –The Town of Kentville and County of Kings are pleased to announce the official opening of the new Kentville Library on Saturday, November 25.

The public is invited to attend the opening beginning at 10 a.m. in the new location on the upper level of 440 Main Street, Kentville.

The Friends of the Kentville Library were able to raise \$100,000 through the 'This Place Matters' campaign allowing for the project to grow and become a beautiful community space. “We are beyond thrilled with the new Library and feel honoured to have been a part of such an incredible community project.” says President of the Friends of the Kentville Library Sarah Leslie “folks popping their heads in have been blown away by the transformation and the care that was taken in updating the space without sacrificing the character of the building. It is light, bright and airy and yet still feels cozy, warm and inviting. We are so excited for folks to get in and start using it!”

The Kentville Library moved in August 2016 from its former location on Cornwallis Street, which has since been demolished. It has operated since that time in temporary quarters while the former church sanctuary was being renovated for its new purpose.

Sandra Snow, Mayor for the Town of Kentville describes it as a piece of art. “We’re unbelievably pleased with the work,” she said, commending Parsons Investments Ltd. for turning the space into a sight to behold. Peter Muttart, Mayor of the County of Kings added “the County of Kings is extremely proud to be a part of this project. It’s wonderful to see an older space receive new life.”

“The Kentville Library is an important room in the town,” says Lisa Tondino of houdinidesign ARCHITECTS and the architect for the renovation. “It was important to us that our design be part of the fabric that is public space in downtown Kentville, like the Town Hall, Centre Square, the Provincial Court, Miners Marsh.”

The former church was the United Church of St. Paul and St. Stephen, a prominent stone and timber frame construction built in 1914.

“Our design is a subtle response to this piece of architecture that is both historically significant and eloquent,” says Tondino. “And through its adaptive reuse, the community is showing innovative leadership.”

The new library hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. The library is closed on Sundays.

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Attached: Grand Opening Agenda, Fact sheet from houdinidesign ARCHITECTS, architectural team, square footage, ceiling height...

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