



NEWS RELEASE

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FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT FOR ANNAPOLIS ROYAL LIBRARY

The Annapolis Royal Library is moving to The Academy (formerly the Annapolis Royal Regional Academy)! On Tuesday, October 10, 2017, Colin Fraser, MP for West Nova, on behalf of the Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development and Minister responsible for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA) announced funding of \$255,400 through their Innovative Communities Fund to be used in conjunction with a \$230,822 investment from the Town of Annapolis Royal, \$30,000 from the Province of Nova Scotia, \$40,000 from the Municipality of the County of Annapolis, and the generous donations from the Friends of the Annapolis Royal Library totalling \$115,290.

According to Ann-Marie Mathieu, Chief Executive Officer with the Annapolis Valley Regional Library "this new library will represent a community hub, and we are very excited about this project". In addition to the library proper, the lower level will also house a common area, an Innovation Centre, and a program room.

Annapolis Royal's Mayor Bill MacDonald says, " Libraries are much more than repositories of the wisdom of the ages, which of course they need to be, but they also serve as social, cultural, and intellectual hubs, where people's minds and lives are shaped. Investment in the brick and mortar of our new library is an investment in our future." AVRIL Board Chair, Shirley Pineo "couldn't agree more".

The AVRIL is excited to start this wonderful project for the community and the anticipated completion date is in late Spring or early Summer 2018.

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