



Media Release

Abbotsford Downtown Business Association

RE: Centennial Library Building

Abbotsford, BC, June 4, 2014:

The Abbotsford Downtown Business Association (ADBA) is excited to announce the signing of a lease agreement for the Centennial Library Building between the ADBA and the City of Abbotsford.

“The stewardship of the Centennial Library building by the ADBA will not only relieve the City of ongoing maintenance and costs associated with the improving the building, but it will also serve to revitalize a historic building and restore Jubilee Park to the jewel it once was,” said Mayor Bruce Banman. “In addition to the revitalization of the Centennial Library and Jubilee Park, much needed additional space will be made available to community groups at no cost to the City and at low costs to user groups.”

While making every effort to maintain the integrity of the historic value of the building, the ADBA will immediately begin plans to rejuvenate this wonderful landmark, the Centennial Library Building, and Jubilee Park in Historic Downtown Abbotsford.

“On behalf of the Board of Directors of the ADBA, I am very excited to be moving forward with this project alongside the Abbotsford Arts Council. The rejuvenation of the Centennial Library Building and Jubilee Park will bring the vibrancy of arts, heritage and culture into the City’s Downtown.” said Tina Stewart, Executive Director ADBA. “This agreement, allowing the ADBA to maintain and utilize the building, will permit us to create a community hub that will benefit the community of Abbotsford as a whole.”

The Centennial Library Building, once having an uncertain future, now has a future bright and full of Arts & Culture. Along with the ADBA’s office, the Abbotsford Arts Council’s gallery and boutique will make the building their home. Plenty of meeting and activity spaces will also be available to community groups at reduced rates.

“The Abbotsford Arts Council is thrilled to work with the Abbotsford Downtown Business Association in creating an Arts & Cultural Centre for the City of Abbotsford. This historic building has been the center of our community for many years and with this agreement, will continue to be so.” says Charles Wiebe of the Abbotsford Arts Council President.

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