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## **\$2 MILLION FOR NORTH VANCOUVER LIBRARY UPGRADE**

NORTH VANCOUVER – The District of North Vancouver will expand and refurbish the Capilano Library in Edgemont Village thanks to a joint investment of \$2 million from the federal and provincial governments. This funding will be provided through the Canada-B.C. Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (CBCMRIF), which supports the continued growth of B.C. communities as greener, healthier and more sustainable places to live.

The announcement was made today by Russ Hiebert, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Western Economic Diversification and MP for South Surrey-White Rock-Cloverdale, and Ralph Sultan, MLA for West Vancouver-Capilano.

“The Government of Canada is proud to invest in these library infrastructure improvements, which will benefit all North Vancouver residents,” said Hiebert, on behalf of the Honourable Rona Ambrose, President of the Queen’s Privy Council for Canada, Minister for Intergovernmental Affairs and Minister of Western Economic Diversification. “Through investments such as this, our government is delivering on its promise to help communities grow as even more vibrant and productive places to live, work and raise families.”

Renovations, including seismic upgrades, will bring the almost 1,500-square-metre structure to current building code and safety standards. Electrical and mechanical systems will also be improved to make the building more energy-efficient. Once complete, the library, which serves nearly 30,000 residents, will be safer and more attractive to visitors.

“This project promotes education and social sustainability in the Capilano community and supports our government’s goal of making B.C. the most literate jurisdiction in North America,” said Sultan. “We’re pleased to support the District of North Vancouver and other communities with infrastructure projects that bring heritage and cultural facilities up to building code and safety standards.”

“Our libraries represent the District’s investment in public health and commitment to literacy and life-long learning for residents of all ages and abilities,” said District of North Vancouver Mayor Richard Walton. “This grant will help ensure that we keep that commitment.”

The majority of the program funding from the CBCMRIF, which was launched in June 2006, supports communities of fewer than 250,000 people in minimizing the costs to taxpayers of local infrastructure upgrades or new construction projects.

At least 60 per cent of the funding will assist with “green projects” that are geared towards enhancing environmental sustainability, such as water and waste-water systems, public transit and environmental energy improvements. Other infrastructure projects will support local roads, cultural and recreational facilities, tourism and broadband connectivity. The funding for this project is conditionally approved pending the successful completion of an environmental assessment.

The total amount available through the CBCMRIF, with federal and provincial investments and matching local government contribution, is over \$220 million. More details on the program are available online at [www.canadabcmrif.ca](http://www.canadabcmrif.ca).

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