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CITY COUNCIL PLEASED WITH GOVERNMENT OF CANADA FUNDING FOR CORNER BROOK

June 11, 2016: For Immediate Release: Downtown Corner Brook and Bartlett's Point Park to see Improvements

Gudie Hutchings, Member of Parliament for Long Range Mountains, on behalf of the Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development and Minister responsible for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA), today announced Government of Canada funding for two projects in Corner Brook.

The City of Corner Brook will implement a downtown development plan thanks in part to a contribution of more than \$500,000 from ACOA. Identified as a priority in the City's Urban Design Action Plan, this project will improve leisure destinations, corridors, islands, gateways and signage in the downtown area, helping to improve the area's aesthetics and providing a physical link between the City's two business districts. The City of Corner Brook in Partnership with the Federal Government will be investing almost \$450,000 to support the development of the Downtown Revitalization Project: Downtown Urban Design Action Plan. Additionally, the Downtown Business Association will be contributing \$60,000 to support the redevelopment.

The Government of Canada, through the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program, is also investing \$93,867 for improvements to Bartlett's Point Park. The project includes upgrades to the entrance, parking area and site lighting; installation of playground equipment, a rock wall and pavers; as well as improvements to beach access and signage. This project will help complete the construction necessary to open the park to the public. The City of Corner Brook has announced a commitment of almost \$100,000 to support completion of Bartlett's Point Park.

Quotes:

"The Government of Canada is pleased to support the City of Corner Brook in improving important pieces of community and tourism infrastructure within the city. Our Government believes that public investment in local communities is the best way to spur economic growth, job creation and broad-based prosperity."

Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development and Minister responsible for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency

"These improvements to the City of Corner Brook will help strengthen our downtown business core, our tourism potential and our recreation and leisure spaces. It is through investments such as these that the Government of Canada is making a real difference in our communities. These projects support the downtown business community, beautify two areas of the city that are important to residents and enhance our tourism infrastructure to attract more tourists for longer visits."

• Gudie Hutchings, Member of Parliament for Long Range Mountains



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"We are grateful to the Government of Canada - Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA) for investing in Corner Brook and supporting the Downtown Revitalization Project: Downtown Urban Design Action Plan. We sincerely appreciate and want to thank our Member of Parliament Gudie Hutching and Minister Navdeep Bains for their support. This sustainable project will encourage economic development through business investment, tourism, and increased pedestrian traffic and patronage of businesses by making Downtown Corner Brook more attractive to investors, visitors, and residents. In addition, we are thankful for the contribution and support provided by the Downtown Business Association."

"The development of Bartlett Point Park is in the final phase of completion. On behalf of the City of Corner Brook we appreciate the support of ACOA (The Government of Canada) in helping to complete this project. The redevelopment of this area recognizes the historical importance of the property and celebrates the spirit of collaboration and achievement demonstrated by the early residents of the region. The final phase will be the culmination of many years of work and will result in the park being open to the public and offering multiple recreational and tourism benefits."

· Charles Pender, Mayor of Corner Brook

Quick Facts

- The Government of Canada through ACOA's Innovative Communities Fund, is investing \$508,761 to support the City of Corner Brook in implementing a downtown revitalization plan.
- The City of Corner Brook in Partnership with the Federal Government will be investing almost \$450, 000 to support the development of the Downtown Revitalization Project: Downtown Urban Design Action Plan.
- The Downtown Business Association will be contributing \$60,000 to support the redevelopment.
- The Government of Canada, through the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program, is investing \$93,867 to help the City of Corner Brook improve Bartlett's Point Park.
- The City of Corner Brook, in partnership with ACOA will be committing \$100,000 to complete Bartlett's Point Park
- The Downtown Revitalization plan will strengthen the City's downtown infrastructure, signage and landscape as a means to improve its economic and local business development capacity.
- The Bartlett's Point Park project will help complete the construction necessary to open the park to the public.

Associated Links

- ACOA's Innovative Communities Fund (ICF)
- Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program
- Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency
- City of Corner Brook



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Downtown Revitalization Plan







