

**Town of Antigonish / Municipality of the County of Antigonish  
Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library**

**Joint Press Release**

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The Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library Board, the Municipality of the County of Antigonish, and the Town of Antigonish announced today they have a location for a new public library facility at 283 Main Street, Antigonish. The announcement was made on behalf of both Councils and Board by Mayor Carl Chisholm, Warden Herb DeLorey, Board representatives Councillor Mary MacLellan, Councillor Sean Cameron, and Conrad Poirier.

“Good news at last.” says Councillor Mary MacLellan, Chair of the Library Board. “It has been a long road but with good cooperation from all three partners we finally have a great site for a new library.” She adds “This will be a showcase for what a 21<sup>st</sup> century public library facility can be and all Antigonish will be pleased with the results”. Library Board Representative Councillor Sean Cameron agrees “Finding the right place took a while, but this location on Main Street will provide a solid anchor for overall community development”.

The project is to create a public space in Antigonish that is a gathering point for personal and community development that also reaches out to all areas of the County. At its heart is a public library that keeps the best of the old but incorporates new ideas of how people learn, grow, and contribute to their community. A new CAP site will be included offering better access and a greater variety of opportunities. The Antigonish Continuous Adult Learning Association and the Guysborough Strait Health Authority’s Health Connections Community Resource Centre will also make this facility their new home.

The current owners of the property have accepted the offer agreed upon by both municipal units. The purchase is conditional on regular environmental checks and inspections. The transfer of the deed will be complete by early March. The existing building will be completely renovated as a green building and be in keeping with the Main Street area.

Mayor Carl Chisholm is very excited to see this project move forward so quickly since taking office. “This was one of our top priorities and shows good cooperative leadership on the part of both municipalities”. Warden Herb Delorey agrees “This is good for everyone and shows what we can do when we work together towards a common goal.”

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