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Destination Centre Underway

New Glasgow, NS, Friday, August 21, 2009.... Construction will begin the week of August 24th to develop a Destination Centre at Dalhousie and Archimedes Streets in downtown New Glasgow.

"This is a major step forward in the Town's downtown revitalization efforts," explains Mayor Barrie MacMillan; adding "It invests in assets we currently have and uses existing resources to improve services."

The Destination Centre includes the addition of community programming and meeting space as well as a heritage area for local history and genealogy. These will be added to the existing New Glasgow Library and managed by the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library in partnership with the Pictou County Roots Society. Other spaces will be created as the project moves forward.

According to Eric Stackhouse, Chief Librarian, "The goal is to create a vibrant and exciting meeting place that brings people downtown and encourages them to stay. The Library Board is excited to be working with Town Council and staff on this project."

Construction is due to begin next week beside the existing library and wrap-up by the end of the year. There will be very little disruption of library service over that time, explains Town Engineer Bob Funke. "Most work will be excavation and addition to the existing building and we have been working very closely with library staff."

Funding for the project has been provided by the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, Innovative Communities Fund, and Nova Scotia Economic and Rural Development.

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