



New Nanaimo Museum One Step Closer to Reality with Coastal Community's Support

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Nanaimo – August 14, 2007: The new Nanaimo District Museum, to be housed in the Port of Nanaimo Centre next year, received a serious injection of community support in the form of a \$50,000 five-year sponsorship of the Feature Exhibit Gallery from Coastal Community Credit Union.

“Nanaimo District Museum is a cultural hub, a meeting place and a centre for life-long learning and growing,” said Garth Sheane, president and CEO of Coastal Community. “But Nanaimo's history has long outgrown its present home and the museum needs a new facility that will allow it to continue nurturing us culturally.”

Sheane adds that the CCCU is proud to have been a part of Nanaimo's rich history for more than 60 years, so the organization has a vested interest in helping the museum to further preserve our collective heritage.

“Through the preservation of our history, museums educate, enlighten and enrich us, forming the cultural heart of our communities,” he said. “With that said I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate Nanaimo District Museum on their exciting future.”

Coastal Community Credit Union joins other supporters (the Port of Nanaimo, Thrifty Foods, Great Canadian Casino) to help the Nanaimo District Museum meet its fundraising goal of \$1.16 million. With these recent funding announcements the total now sits at \$983,732.

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