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Belleville Public Library, the Community Archives, and the Hastings County Historical Society Release Full Study Report for Cultural Development Project

In the spring and summer of 2014, the Belleville Public Library, in partnership with the Community Archives of Belleville and Hastings County and the Hastings County Historical Society, initiated a research project to determine ways that our three partner organizations can work together more effectively. With funding from the Government of Ontario in the form of a Cultural Development Fund, a project researcher, Mr. M. Sam Cronk, was hired and a report commissioned to outline his findings and his recommendations on how the three organizations can collaborate better and pursue coordinated services, joint programs, and cross-promotional strategies.

The project wrapped up at the end of 2014 and the Study Report is now being released officially by the three partner organizations. The Study Report provides detailed analysis of the three groups and how they can work cooperatively together once the new Archives Facility and Historical Society office has been built in the Library building. Construction on the facilities began at the end of May and the expected completion date is the end of 2015.

The project report and an executive summary is available for download on the Belleville Public Library website: www.bellevillelibrary.ca/archives-construction.php

We would like to thank the Government of Ontario for their generous support for this project through the Cultural Development Fund grant program, administered by the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport.

Trevor Pross, CEO of Belleville Public Library, comments: “The process of working together with the Archives and the Historical Society was an excellent start to our renewed relationship that will only get stronger once we are located together in the Library building. The project report that Mr. Cronk wrote for the project is a thorough and valuable analysis of ways that our three organizations can work more closely together, and we look forward to implementing the various recommendations he has presented.”

Richard Hughes, President, Hastings County Historical Society, comments: “The Historical Society is confident that this comprehensive report and its extensive recommendations will provide a valuable roadmap to guide the growing relationships between the Library, the Archives and the Historical Society. The true beneficiaries will be the citizens of Belleville and Hastings County as they become more familiar with the many assets and programs of the three organizations which are available to them.”



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Sharon White, Archivist, Community Archives of Belleville and Hastings County, says she is thrilled that the Archives will be moving into the Library building. “Our closer physical proximity will bring more opportunities for partnerships among our three organizations. Sam’s report provides an excellent overview of the similarities and differences in our current operations and presents a vision of the future with cooperative programming that will benefit all of our communities. His wide-ranging recommendations and examples point the way to make this future a reality.”

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