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Funding Secured for Renovation of Ladysmith Historic Train Station

Island Corridor Foundation and Chamber Partnership for Community Revitalization

LADYSMITH, B.C. – traditional territory of the Stz'uminus First Nation — The Island Corridor Foundation (ICF), in partnership with the Ladysmith Chamber of Commerce, is pleased to announce secured funding to renovate the historic Ladysmith Train Station through the Province of British Columbia's Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program (REDIP).

This significant investment will allow the historic Ladysmith Train Station to be refurbished into a community hub for economic and social activation, anchored by the Chamber of Commerce office and Visitors Centre for the Ladysmith area. This space will serve as a pulse for economic development, tourism, and community engagement.

“The Historic Ladysmith Train station is in an incredible location. It served the community for many years. We are grateful for the leadership of the Province to help catalyze the transformation of this area so it can be enjoyed by current and future generations.” – Thomas Bevan, CEO Island Corridor Foundation

“This project represents a major step forward for Ladysmith,” said Roberta, Executive Director of the Ladysmith Chamber of Commerce. “Thanks to the generous support of the Province and the strong partnership with the Island Corridor Foundation, we're not only preserving a treasured piece of our heritage but transforming it into a dynamic space for future growth and collaboration.”

The project will enhance the town's capacity to support local businesses and attract visitors, while also honouring the historical and cultural importance of the train station. The revitalized facility will include flexible meeting and display spaces, improved accessibility, and amenities that reflect both the community's past and its aspirations for the future.

ICF and the Chamber wish to express sincere gratitude to the Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation for their support through REDIP, as well as to the Town of Ladysmith, local stakeholders, and community members who have championed this project from its early stages.

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