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Tillsonburg library branch receives federal funding for renovations

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There's good news for the library in Tillsonburg. Dave MacKenzie, Member of Parliament for Oxford, announced today the facility will receive \$276,723 in upgrades thanks to the Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund (CIIF).

Mackenzie made the announcement on behalf of the Honourable Gary Goodyear, Minister of State for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario).

"This is great news for our community and will go a long way toward providing a rejuvenated library facility and enhanced services for our residents," said Tillsonburg Mayor John Lessif.

Tillsonburg joined the Oxford County Library system on January 1, 2013 and is currently operating from a temporary location at 164 Broadway Street, Unit 6, to enable renovations at the Library Lane location.

"The existing library building does not meet Ontario Building Code requirements in several areas," explained Oxford County Warden Don McKay. "So we'll be addressing those issues, as well as making the facility more accessible with barrier-free washrooms."

Other planned improvements include insulating exterior walls, replacing windows and replacing the flooring, paint and ceiling tiles.

In terms of services, the renovated branch will feature a state-of-the-art technology lab, quiet study room as well as a 410 sq. ft. addition dedicated to local history.

"We've had some great conversations with library patrons about what they'd like to see in their library and will be working hard to include as many features as possible," adds Oxford County Library CEO Lisa Miettinen. "Library visitors can expect to see more cozy places to read, a hot beverage bar and a children's section filled with toys and interactive educational activities."

"This funding will certainly assist the County in providing a high quality library facility to the residents of the Tillsonburg area," said Margaret Lupton, Chair of the Oxford County Library Board. "We're all looking forward to seeing the finished product."

For more information about Oxford County Library visit www.ocl.net, ask a question through Facebook at www.facebook.com/OxfordCountyLibrary, or call 519-539-9800, toll-free 1-800-755-0394.

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ABOUT THE TOWN OF TILLSONBURG A growing community strategically located at the crossroads of Oxford, Elgin, and Norfolk Counties, Tillsonburg is just 20 minutes from Highway 401 and within a two-hour drive to three major border crossings. Home to 15,300 people, quality of life in Tillsonburg is exemplified by an excellent hospital, attractive neighbourhoods dotted with well-maintained parks and trails, a diverse and international business community, and a regional airport. Tillsonburg is also home to a community centre complex resting on 55 acres, two ice pads, a junior Olympic-sized indoor pool, outdoor water park, a skate park, a Seniors Centre and the Annandale National Historic Site. For more information visit www.tillsonburg.ca or <http://twitter.com/tillsonburgtown>

ABOUT OXFORD COUNTY Located in the heart of Southwestern Ontario, Oxford County is set among rolling hills and farmland and boasts a rapidly expanding business sector. The County offers a thriving local arts, culture and culinary community; scenic trails, conservation parks and natural areas; and a choice location at the crossroads of Highways 401 and 403. Oxford County has a population of approximately 106,000 people across eight municipalities that are “growing stronger... together” through an upper tier municipal government incorporated as the County of Oxford. The regional seat for the County of Oxford is in Woodstock. Visit www.oxfordcounty.ca or follow us at twitter.com/oxfordcounty