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Kingston Frontenac Public Library

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Construction has started on the Central Branch of the Kingston Frontenac Public Library at 130 Johnson Street. The redevelopment of the Central Branch is one of the key initiatives in the library's strategic plan, *KFPL Vision 2020*. Renovations to the building, which opened in 1978, are driven by the need to replace the building's original electrical, heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems.

Monica Stewart, Library Board member and Central Branch Renovation Committee Chair: "The Central Branch has been suffering from major building systems failures for some years, and we were definitely on borrowed time. The last boiler still in operation malfunctioned in January. Fortunately, the contents of the branch had already been moved to suitable places. We are grateful to the City of Kingston for funding the rehabilitation of the building and look forward to re-opening it to the community in Spring 2018."

HDR Architecture Associates Inc. is the architect and prime consultant on the project. They are a full-service, employee-owned professional design practice comprised of architects, engineers, planners, interior designers and consultants. As Canada celebrates our 150th, HDR is celebrating their founding over 170 years ago as the oldest continuing architectural practice in Canada, with local roots dating back to 1846, the year the City of Kingston was incorporated.

Everstrong Construction Ltd. is the general contractor for the project. In business for over 20 years, Everstrong is proudly built on a foundation of the highest quality and professionalism. They specialize in, and have successfully completed hundreds of, government/institutional, commercial, industrial and residential construction projects throughout Ontario.

Construction updates will be posted on the library's website through the project. "Most of the renovation work will be completed on the interior of the building," says Laura Carter, Director, Branch Experience at KFPL. "Because it is difficult to see the progress from the street, we are going to keep the public informed and engaged in the project by posting regular updates with a lot of photos as the project advances."

While the Central Branch is closed, the Wellington Storefront, located at 209 Wellington Street, is open 6 days a week to serve downtown Kingston. Library programs are being offered at the Artillery Park Aquatic Centre and the Tett Centre for Creativity & Learning. All library collections remain available. Please visit www.kfpl.ca for branch locations and hours and program information.

Questions? Contact Laura Carter, Director, Branch Experience 613-549-8888, ext. 3530,
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