



A WORK IN PROGRESS CONSTRUCTION ON THE NEW DISCOVERY CENTRE TAKING SHAPE

Halifax, Nova Scotia (December 10, 2011) – The hard hats are on and the safety boots are laced up, as construction of the New Discovery Centre in the Nova Scotia Power building on the Halifax waterfront is underway. Thanks to a dedicated crew led by Lindsay Construction, building construction started in late August and already a number of construction milestones have been met.

“After more than five years of dreaming, planning, designing and raising capital, we are ecstatic that construction of the New Discovery Centre has started,” says Dov Bercovici, President & CEO of the Discovery Centre. “As the design moves from paper to structure the reality sets in that this is finally happening, and we think Nova Scotians are going to be as excited as we are.”

The focus right now is construction inside the massive 49,000 ft² building. In addition to the interior demolition, the laying of the steel has begun, the four storey main staircase has been installed and the curved steel structure that forms the foundation of the region’s first Immersive Dome Theatre is in place. Construction on the interior of the building is expected to continue until the early summer, 2016 at which point the exhibit installation will start. Work on the exterior of the building is expected to start in the Spring of 2016.

Although the construction site is not publicly accessible, there are ways for the public to follow along with the progress. The Discovery Centre has just launched a unique, multi-media timeline platform called TikiToki on its website – beelieve.ca. This 3D platform shows photos, videos and text updates in three different streams, including one specifically devoted to construction. The site will be updated regularly as construction continues. In addition, social media users can follow the New Discovery Centre on Twitter at [@beelieveDC](https://twitter.com/beelieveDC) or on Instagram [@beelievedc](https://www.instagram.com/beelievedc).

“We recognize that the community is very interested in the New Discovery Centre,” says Renée Fournier, Capital Campaign & Communications Director. “We wanted to let the public see how the Centre is taking shape and watch as we tell the construction story in words, photos and videos. This is such an exciting time in the history of the Discovery Centre, and we want everyone to share it with us.”

About the Discovery Centre

Discovery Centre, a 30-year-old non-profit charitable organization, stimulates interest, enjoyment and understanding of science and technology through innovative, hands-on experiences for visitors. The Discovery Centre is building a new, state-of-the-art science centre on the Halifax waterfront in the Nova Scotia Power building, which is expected to open by the end of 2016.

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