NORTH HASTINGS INSPIRATION PLACE

A New Accessible Home for Learning, Making and Connection



Applicant: Town of Bancroft
Project Location: North Hastings Inspiration Place
In collaboration with: North Hastings Public Library
Funding Request: $30,000

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MINERAL CAPITAL OF CANADA

The Commonwell L.E.A.F. Initiative 2026.

From Barrier to Opportunity

The former Library was not physically accessible and offered limited space for hands-on learning. North Hastings Inspiration Place provides an accessible Library, Community Room, housing and purpose-built Makerspace. Inspiration in Action will equip and activate the makerspace through community-led learning.

Before





The Former Library

- **Physical barriers limited equitable access**
- **Space restricted larger group programs**
- **Hands-on learning opportunities were limited**

After



North Hastings Inspiration Place
OUR SPACE, YOUR POTENTIAL



North Hastings Inspiration Place

- **Accessible public Library**
- **Flexible Community Room**
- **Purpose-built Makerspace**
- **Housing and public spaces connected**
- **New opportunities for learning and collaboration**

Accessible Library

Library makerspace

One Connected Community Hub

Community Room

40 Residential Units

Central Downtown Location

Two Spaces. One Connected Learning Model.

Inspire & Share will connect the Community Room and Library makerspace, allowing residents to learn in a flexible group setting and continue building their skills through shared equipment and future programming.

Community Room

The primary teaching space



- 20 introductory programs
- Demonstrations and guided practice
- Accessible group learning
- Partner-led activities
- Youth and intergenerational programs

The Community Room introduces the skills.

Makerspace

The lasting resource



- Permanent home for equipment
- Continued Library programming
- Smaller workshops and supervised practice
- Partner-led learning
- Selected shared-tool access

The Library makerspace keeps the learning going.

Equipment will move between the two spaces, extending the value of each program and reaching a broader cross-section of the community.