



NEWS RELEASE

CN donates \$1.25 million to the new CN Roundhouse and Conference Centre

SQUAMISH, B.C., Jan. 29, 2009 — CN announced today that it has donated \$1.25 million to support the construction of the new CN Roundhouse and Conference Centre at the West Coast Railway Heritage Park in Squamish. Scheduled to open in September 2009, the new \$6.25 million facility will become the park's feature exhibit building and will house seven historic railway locomotives year round.

The 22,000-square-foot CN Roundhouse and Conference Centre will be the largest banquet/meeting facility on the Sea to Sky Corridor, hosting up to 1,200 people. It will be equipped with an environment-friendly geo-thermal system for heating and cooling, greatly reducing energy consumption. The facility also received financial support from the provincial government and other private donors.

David G. McLean, CN's chairman of the board, said: "CN is very proud to support one of Canada's greatest railway heritage attractions that benefits families, communities and local business." Speaking of Squamish and CN's long history together, he added, "CN's roots go back to 1912 when Squamish was the headquarters for the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, which later became BC Rail, now a member of the CN family."

Don Evans, president and chief executive officer of the West Coast Railway Association, said, "This is a very exciting day for all of us who have been working on this development. CN is a long-time supporter of the West Coast Heritage Park and we are delighted to place CN's name on the new facility. They were also instrumental in providing additional funds enabling us to install the geo-thermal system making the CN Roundhouse environmentally efficient and reducing energy consumption."

The West Coast Railway Heritage Park, a project of the non-profit West Coast Railway Association, is Western Canada's largest railway heritage attraction. Since first opening in 1994, more than 375,000 visitors have come to the Heritage Park. With the addition of the new CN Roundhouse and Conference Centre, average annual visits will grow towards 75,000 and it will become Canada's most visited heritage railway site.

As an Imagine Caring Company, CN is committed to contributing one per cent of pre-tax profit to registered, non-profit organizations in communities where our employees work and where we operate our business. Through the *CN Stronger Communities Fund*, the company supports health and safety programs for young people, transportation education, the *CN Railroaders in the Community* employee volunteer grant program, and United Way.

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