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Downtown Moncton Upgrades to Business Class!

Crombie REIT (TSX: CRR.UN) has announced plans to begin redevelopment of *1234 Main Street* in Moncton. The familiar downtown landmark is being extensively reconfigured to meet and exceed today's requirements for energy efficiency, user comfort and convenience, and flexibility of space. As a greener alternative to demolition and a completely new structure, Crombie REIT has chosen to revitalize this downtown location with a sustainable strategy to accommodate Moncton's growing market today, and for the foreseeable future.

Rentable space will be increased to just under 129,000 sf on eight floors as a result of the more energy-efficient envelope and mechanical systems.

The exterior will feature a new anodized aluminum curtain wall system which incorporates tinted energy efficient glazing units. Tenants will benefit from individual tenant power metering, an upgraded natural gas boiler system, a redesigned central core with new electrical systems throughout, including today's energy smart LED lighting fixtures.

The renewed 1234 Main Street will meet or exceed Efficiency New Brunswick requirements, and will seek certification of BOMA BEST for Building Environmental Standards, the Canadian industry benchmark for commercial building sustainability certification, which is based on the internationally recognized and accepted Green Globes™ environmental assessment platform.

1234 Main Street's prime location is adjacent to the planned Moncton Events Centre, which promises to create a focus of excitement in the downtown core.

Crombie REIT ("Crombie"), headquartered in Stellarton, Nova Scotia, is the largest landlord in Atlantic Canada. Crombie owns and manages properties across Canada. Crombie is committed to providing their tenants with outstanding locations, facilities, and services.

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About Crombie REIT

Crombie is an open-ended real estate investment trust established under, and governed by, the [laws](#) of the Province of Ontario. The trust invests in income-producing retail, office and mixed-use properties in Canada, with a future growth strategy focused primarily on the acquisition of retail properties. Crombie currently owns a portfolio of 127 commercial properties in eight provinces, comprising approximately 11.9 million square feet of rentable space.

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