



Media Release

Welland 150th Anniversary Committee Receives Major Funding Boost from Heritage Canada

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Welland – The 150th Anniversary Planning Committee is the recipient of a \$98,500 grant under the “*Building Communities through Arts and Heritage*” program launched late last year by Heritage Canada. Funding from this program will be used to defray costs associated with the planned year-long celebration.

“On behalf of the 150th Anniversary Committee, we are extremely pleased that the Government of Canada has recognized our community’s sesquicentennial celebration and the efforts of our Committee to produce a first-rate celebration,” stated Mayor Damian Goulbourne.

“The Government of Canada is proud to support Welland's 150th Anniversary, one of the first historical community anniversaries to receive funding under the new *Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage* program,” said Minister Verner. “We are proud to partner with communities to support activities that celebrate local history and heritage.”

“It is important that future generations be aware of their origins, as well as the rich and diverse history, we have in the Niagara region,” said Mr. Dean Allison, MP Niagara West-Glanbrook. “Welland's 150th anniversary will increase pride among its citizens and bring people together in celebration from across Niagara.”

Under the Agreement, funds will be applied to a number of programs and events, including the historical photo display and projection, the historical postcard, ArtFEST, and artistic performances.

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