OTTAWA, Ontario, May 15, 2015 - Today, Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced more funding to help celebrate the 150th anniversary of Confederation in 2017. Existing museums will be eligible for the new $150 million Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Fund. This new funding program compliments the earlier announcement of $210 million for projects and celebrations for the 150th anniversary.

“This milestone will provide an opportunity to celebrate Canada’s history, heritage, values and future,” said Prime Minister Stephen Harper in Truro, Nova Scotia. “It is an historic opportunity for Canadians to connect with our past, celebrate our achievements and create a lasting legacy.”

The program will provide support for the renovation, expansion and rehabilitation of existing infrastructure that provides community and cultural benefits for the public. Projects under the following categories may be eligible for funding: community centres (including Royal Canadian Legions), cultural centres and museums, parks, recreational trails, libraries, recreational facilities, tourism facilities, docks, cenotaphs and other existing community infrastructure.

“Today’s announcement brings the funding for the Canada 150 celebrations to at least $360 million. We believe the funding from the federal government will in fact exceed this as other programs show priority to these celebrations,” said John G. McAvity, executive director and CEO of the Canadian Museums Association (CMA). “The CMA is pleased to see this investment and we urge museums all across Canada to show leadership and creativity to make a lasting impact on all Canadians.”

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