



## News Release

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# MP David Sweet Announces Important Investment through the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program

Harper Government Supports Community Infrastructure in the greater Hamilton area

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(FedDev Ontario)

MP David Sweet, on behalf of the Honourable Gary Goodyear, Minister for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario), today announced that the City of Hamilton will receive funding through the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program for four projects and the Hamilton Conservation Authority will receive funding for two projects in the greater Hamilton area.

The Harper Government has approved a total of up to \$847,976 for six projects, including projects at Westfield Heritage Village, Carlisle Arena and Beverly Arena in Flamborough, as well as the Westoby Ice Surface in Dundas, St. Mark's Church in the Durand neighbourhood of Hamilton and Fifty Point Conservation Area in Stoney Creek. **For more details, please see the backgrounder.**

Adding in announcements made in the past few days in Ancaster and Binbrook, a total of 11 projects across the greater Hamilton area will receive funding through the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program, totalling up to \$2.16 million.

These announcements are among many for projects approved through the Program that will improve and preserve community spaces across southern Ontario, with the aim of giving back to Canadians and creating a lasting legacy as Canada prepares to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Confederation in 2017. The program is expected to boost economic activity through infrastructure investments, build community-based partnerships and modernize existing community facilities.

The contributions are contingent on the execution of contribution agreements with recipients.

### Quick Facts

- Westfield Heritage Village, operated by the Hamilton Conservation Authority, is a stunning collection of over 30 historical buildings which has made Westfield Heritage Village one of the most interesting historical destinations in Ontario. Carefully restored and staffed with costumed interpreters, the buildings capture the true charm and spirit of early Canadian culture.
- Carlisle Arena is located in the Rural Settlement Area of Carlisle in the City of Hamilton. The arena serves as the main recreation facility for the community and hosts many local events. The upstairs room is fully booked most of the year providing daily rental space for a thriving daycare centre. The arena hosts local charitable organizations such as the Carlisle Optimists Annual March Breakfast serving 600+ people. The arena was built with contributions raised by community volunteers including the Carlisle Optimists and many others.



## Quick Facts (continued)

- The Beverly Arena is located in Rockton, Ontario in the Beverly Community Park. It is a hub of community activity for West Flamborough and open year-round. The ice surface is well used by hockey teams and skaters of all ages.
- The Westoby Ice Surface on Olympic Drive in Dundas, Ontario provides a much-needed ice surface for local hockey teams and is also home to the Dundas Figure Skating Club.
- St Mark's was built in 1877, purchased by the City of Hamilton in 1994 and designated both for the building and the green space in 1995. The Durand Neighbourhood Association has supported the adaptive reuse of St. Mark's for the last 20 years and contributed to its rehabilitation financially. The adaptive reuse of St Mark's will provide a venue to tell the story of Canada through historical and community based exhibits, unique festivals, events and multicultural programming.
- Fifty Point Conservation Area on Lake Ontario, run by the Hamilton Conservation Authority, is a magnificent 80-hectare park with superb marina facilities in Stoney Creek. It's the place to be for a swim in Lake Ontario, family camping or group picnics.
- Over the coming weeks, local announcements for projects approved through the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program in southern Ontario will take place across southern Ontario.
- Projects have been selected based on program criteria, including the extent to which funding was leveraged from other sources, construction-readiness, and linkages to Canada 150.
- The Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program is one of several infrastructure-related initiatives that the Harper Government has undertaken to generate well-being and prosperity in communities across Canada.
- It builds on FedDev Ontario's delivery of the Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund and the Recreational Infrastructure Canada Program in Ontario, which represented a federal investment of more than \$225 million and supported more than 1180 projects.

## Quotes

"The theme for Canada's sesquicentennial is Canada – Strong, Proud and Free, and that is reflected in the breadth and depth of community projects across the greater Hamilton area that will be supported under Canada 150. In these community infrastructure investments we see a celebration of both our strong heritage and bright future."

David Sweet, MP for Ancaster-Dundas-Flamborough-Westdale

"The Carlisle Arena is really the heart of the Carlisle community. These infrastructure funds are so important and I know the residents in Carlisle will be thrilled to have this support. Receiving the funds says loud and clear that the Federal Government understands the needs of rural residents, that means so much to us, we are very grateful."

Judi Partridge, Councillor – Flamborough (Ward 15), City of Hamilton

"I am very pleased with the Federal Government's support for Westfield Heritage Village and Beverly Arena in Flamborough as part of the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program. As Chair of the Hamilton Conservation Authority, I am also pleased with the support being directed to Fifty Point Conservation Area. This funding will go a long way in enhancing the infrastructure of these three great venues in our community and ensuring that they are enjoyed by all for years to come."

Robert Pasuta, Councillor – Flamborough (Ward 14), City of Hamilton



## Quotes (continued)

"Great news for the City and for Dundas. This funding will ensure that Minor hockey, Girls' hockey and Dundas Figure Skating clubs, along with many others, will continue to enjoy the Olympic Road Westoby Ice Surface for many years to come. We appreciate the investment of the Federal Government and its support to sustain our important local facilities for the future."

Arlene VanderBeek, Councillor – Dundas (Ward 13), City of Hamilton

"We thank the Federal Government for supporting the rehabilitation of the historic St. Mark's church as a recreational and cultural programming centre in downtown Hamilton. This investment will enhance recreational services in an underserved area while at the same time preserve an important piece of Hamilton's heritage."

Jason Farr, Councillor – Ward 2, City of Hamilton

"The Durand Neighbourhood Association welcomes the significant investment by the Federal Government in our local community infrastructure. We are pleased that this historic landmark will be rehabilitated in time to celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary and provide a space for cultural programming to the residents of downtown Hamilton."

Janice Brown, President, Durand Neighbourhood Association

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