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Harper Government Invests in Canada's History

OSHAWA, November 9, 2011 – Museums and related institutions in Ontario will be able to continue to tell Canada's story and share art and heritage collections, thanks to investments from the Government of Canada. Colin Carrie, Member of Parliament (Oshawa), made this announcement today at the Robert McLaughlin Gallery on behalf of the Honourable James Moore, Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages.

With this funding, Ontario heritage institutions and workers will continue to preserve and present heritage collections and develop, display, and circulate exhibitions of significance to all Canadians.

The Government of Canada is supporting 21 projects from organizations including the Homer Watson House & Gallery, the Art Gallery of Ontario, Algoma University, the Peterborough Museum and Archives, the City of Niagara Falls, and the McMichael Canadian Art Collection.

“Our Government received a strong mandate from Canadians to invest in the preservation of our history,” said Minister Moore. “By supporting these projects in Ontario, our Government is delivering on its commitment to strengthen our economy and allow better access to our heritage, arts, and culture.”

“With these investments, communities in Ontario and beyond will have greater access to our heritage,” said Mr. Carrie. “By supporting these organizations, our Government is safeguarding Canada's treasures and contributing to the cultural and economic vitality of Ontario.”

The Government of Canada has provided total funding of \$974,350 through the [Museums Assistance Program](#). This program of the Department of Canadian Heritage provides funding to Canadian museums and related institutions for projects that foster excellence in museum activities and that facilitate access to the treasures of our collective heritage.

For a full list of organizations receiving funding, see the attached backgrounder.

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BACKGROUNDER

Museum Assistance Program

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Toronto	Art Gallery of Ontario	\$30,000 (2011–2012) \$47,400 (2012–2013)
Toronto	University of Toronto – Justina M. Barnicke Gallery	\$148,850 (2011–2012) \$169,150 (2012–2013)
Toronto	Ontario Museum Association	\$42,800 (2011–2012)
Toronto	Ontario Association of Art Galleries	\$35,700 (2011–2012)
Kitchener	Homer Watson House & Gallery	\$11,790 (2011–2012)
Thunder Bay	Thunder Bay National Exhibition Centre and Centre for Indian Art	\$69,510 (2011–2012) \$21,090 (2012–2013)
Meaford	Corporation of the municipality of Meaford	\$10,600 (2011–2012)
Ottawa	Corporation of the city of Ottawa	\$19,300 (2011–2012)
Toronto	Centennial Centre of Science and Technology	\$18,950 (2011–2012) \$3,450 (2012–2013)
Niagara Falls	City of Niagara Falls	\$3,600 (2011–2012) \$30,700 (2012–2013)
Kingston	Cataraqui Archaeological Research Foundation	\$6,000 (2011–2012)
Oshawa	Robert McLaughlin Gallery – Hairstyles and Fashions in Quebec: Portraits of Women, 1790–1860	\$12,400 (2011–2012)
Oshawa	Robert McLaughlin Gallery – William Brymner: Artist, Teacher, Colleagues	\$13,900 (2011–2012)
Toronto	Art Gallery of Ontario	\$9,660 (2011–2012)
Kleinburg	McMichael Canadian Art Collection	\$15,000 (2011–2012)
Guelph	Macdonald Stewart Community Art Centre	\$29,500 (2011–2012)
Cayuga	Lower Grand River Land Trust	\$9,900 (2011–2012)
Kitchener	The Museum – Ideas Transcending Objects Fund	\$11,500 (2011–2012)
Peterborough	Peterborough Museum and Archives	\$14,800 (2011–2012)
Sault Ste. Marie	Algoma University	\$102,950 (2011–2012) \$49,550 (2012–2013)
Toronto	Canadian Museum of Carpets and Textiles	\$36,300 (2011–2012)
		TOTAL: \$974,350