



## Colin Carrie MP Oshawa

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### Oshawa's Robert McLaughlin Gallery receives major investment from Canada's federal government

For immediate release.

**OSHAWA, 20 May 2010** — Colin Carrie, Member of Parliament for Oshawa and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Health, today announced that the City of Oshawa will receive an investment of \$1.1 million dollars for upgrades to the Robert McLaughlin Gallery, through the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario).

"The Robert McLaughlin Gallery is one of Oshawa's local gems," said MP Carrie. "This beautiful gallery allows local, Canadian and international artists to showcase their unique talent in a tranquil yet modern environment. I am extremely proud of the cultural assets in our community and wholeheartedly support our investments in them. Our government is committed to continuing to show support to the arts and cultural communities".

"The federal government understands the importance of investing in communities like Oshawa," stated Oshawa Mayor John Gray. "The Robert McLaughlin Gallery, the region's largest public art gallery, is the latest benefactor of funding from the Federal Community Adjustment Fund. Today's funding announcement, of over \$1 million dollars, allows the Gallery to continue its dedication to the collection, preservation and exhibition of the best in Canada's art heritage."

"Our partnership with the City of Oshawa has granted us the opportunity to improve the facility, ensuring the preservation of cultural heritage for generations to come," said Gabrielle Peacock, Chief Executive Officer of the Robert McLaughlin Gallery. "Enhancements to the building will include upgrades to the climate control system, replacement of the roof system and the replacement of a fire suppressant system. We take this as an important sign that the federal government fully realizes the difference Canadian museums are making in their communities and the value collections have toward understanding our cultural diversity," she continued. "The Robert McLaughlin Gallery is committed to the belief that art is an essential part of the human experience. We are dedicated to making this belief tangible with the communities it serves. We are truly delighted to receive this important funding."

This project will be funded through the Community Adjustment Fund, a two-year, \$1-billion national program aimed at addressing the short-term economic needs of communities hit hardest by the global economic recession. The approved project must meet the terms and conditions set out in the contribution agreement.

FedDev Ontario was created as part of Canada's Economic Action Plan to support economic and community development, innovation, and economic diversification, with contributions to communities, businesses and non-profit organizations in southern Ontario. To learn more about FedDev Ontario and the Community Adjustment Fund, please visit the web site at [www.feddevontario.gc.ca](http://www.feddevontario.gc.ca), or call 1-866-593-5505. For additional information on Canada's Economic Action Plan, visit [www.actionplan.gc.ca](http://www.actionplan.gc.ca).

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