



Report to: General Committee

Date Report Authored: March 8, 2016

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**SUBJECT:** Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program

**PREPARED BY:** Moe Hosseini-Ara, ext. 3596 and Linda Irvine, ext. 2120

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1) THAT the report, "Canada 150 Community Infrastructure", be received;
- 2) AND THAT the City of Markham proceed with *Rehabilitation of Veterans Square and Cenotaph in Historic Markham Village – Phase 1*, and enter into a contribution agreement for federal funding up to a total of \$950,000 under the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program;
- 3) AND THAT the *Rehabilitation of Veterans Square and Cenotaph in Historic Markham Village – Phase 1* be funded from project #16034 "Markham Village Library Square – Phase 1 Construction" in the amount of \$1,933,400 which consists of the following funding sources:
  - a. Development Charges in the amount of \$885,060, and
  - b. Non-DC Growth in the amount of \$98,340; and
  - c. Canada 150 grant of up to \$950,000, subject to eligible cost conditions.
- 4) AND THAT the City of Markham proceed with *Improvement of Main Entrance to Thornhill Community Centre with Benjamin Thorne Tribute*, and enter into a contribution agreement for federal funding up to a total of \$133,571 under the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program;
- 5) AND THAT the *Improvement of Main Entrance to Thornhill Community Centre with Benjamin Thorne Tribute* be funded from project #15112 "Culture Public Art" and project #16078 "Culture Public Art Program" in the amount of \$500,571 which consists of the following funding sources:
  - a. \$150,000 to be funded from capital project #15112 "Culture Public Art"
  - b. \$350,571 to be funded from capital project #16078 "Culture Public Art Program" which includes Canada 150 grant of up to \$133,571, subject to eligible cost conditions.
- 6) AND THAT the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute both contribution agreements, in a form and content satisfactory to the City Solicitor and Commissioner of Community & Fire Services and the Commissioner of Development Services;
- 7) AND THAT the Culture Department undertake a call and/or direct commission as per the process identified in the Public Art Policy to commission an artist to design the Benjamin Thorne monument;

- 8) AND THAT Staff proceed with tendering, and tender award as required for Phase 1 of the Veterans Square and Cenotaph rehabilitation and associated landscape works;
- 9) AND THAT the Culture Department undertake a national competition call as per the process identified in the Public Art Policy to commission an artist to redesign the Markham Cenotaph, with support from the Markham District Veterans Association (MDVA);
- 10) AND THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be delegated the authority to award the construction tender to the successful bidder provided that the project is within budget or can be made to come within budget through selected scope changes and/or corresponding price adjustments and/or budget allocation changes;
- 11) AND THAT the Director of Planning and Urban Design, or designate, be delegated authority for Site Plan Approval, if required;
- 12) AND FURTHER THAT Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of the report is to inform Members of Council that the City of Markham has been notified that it will receive funding for two projects submitted under the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program (CIP150). As a part of the agreement with CIP150 and in order to initiate the contribution agreement, staff need to provide CIP150 with a Council Extract approving the project and providing authority to sign the contribution agreement. The Council extract and approval must contain the following:

- approval to enter into contribution agreement with CIP150
- name of the projects as submitted in original application
- funding amounts approved under the program for each of the projects and a commitment to fund the remainder of the project budget

The two successful projects chosen by CIP150 are *Rehabilitation of Veterans Square and Cenotaph in Historic Markham Village – Phase 1* and *Improvement of Main Entrance to Thornhill Community Centre with Benjamin Thorne Tribute*. The grant to be received from CIP150 for the Veterans Square project is in the amount not to exceed \$950,000, while the grant for the Benjamin Thorne memorial statue is in the amount not to exceed \$133,571. Staff are seeking approval to proceed with these two projects along with the City's portion of the necessary funding required to complete the projects.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program was announced on May 15, 2015 and on June 15, 2015, staff sought and received authorization from Council to submit three applications to this funding program. As approved by Council, the following three projects were submitted in accordance with the Canada 150 program requirements: Veterans Square, Monument to Benjamin Thorne, and Stiver Mill Phase 2.

Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program provides funding for the rehabilitation, renovation, and expansion of existing community infrastructure assets that are non-commercial in nature. An eligible project must be:

- open for use to the public and not limited to a private membership;
- leverage a minimum of 50 percent of funding from other sources; and
- be substantially completed by March 31, 2018.

The City of Markham was notified in July 2015 by the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario) that the project, *Rehabilitation of Veterans Square and Cenotaph in Historic Markham Village - Phase 1*, has been selected to receive funds from the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program in the amount up to \$950,000 or 50% of the \$1,900,000 project costs identified for Phase 1. A week later the City was further notified that it a second project, the *Improvement of Main Entrance to Thornhill Community Centre with Benjamin Thorne Tribute* was selected to receive funding in the amount up to \$133,571 or 19% of the total \$700,000 project cost.

Although the original application indicated the location of the Benjamin Throne Tribute to be Thornhill Community Centre, a request was made to staff to relocate the Benjamin Thorne Tribute to the Pomona Mills Park entrance. At the same time the budget for the project was reduced to \$500,571. FedDev has since indicated that the City cannot change the location of the project as this is considered a substantial change in scope and as such a new project. FedDev is not accepting new projects as the funding program is now closed. FedDev also indicated that it would not fund any expenses related to the Benjamin Thorne monument itself. They will however honour the original grant amount of \$133,571 but require the City to fund the statute / public art since it is not considered a restoration/renovation item. This will not impact the City's budget since the City has already funded in its capital budget for 2016 – funds in the amount of \$367,000 for public art which can be used for this project. The project scope for the Benjamin Thorne Tribute has since been changed and the total budget is now set at \$500,571, which is fully funded through a combination of the budget as stated above and the CIP150 contribution.

## **OPTIONS/ DISCUSSION:**

### **Veteran's Square and Cenotaph in Historic Markham Village**

This project furthers the work of the Markham Village Library Square Revitalization Working Group that was established in June, 2011. At the June 17, 2014 Development Services Committee, staff received direction to make budget requests for the Markham Village 'Library Square' (now Veterans Square and Cenotaph) project in the 2015 budget to undertake design work. The work that has been completed to date by the Working Group and staff contributed to the project being selected for Canada 150 funding and allowed for an aggressive completion date for Phase 1.

Markham must meet a number of conditions from the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program. One condition requires the project to be substantially completed by March 31, 2018. Project costs incurred prior to April 1, 2016 and after March 31, 2018 will not be eligible for program funding.

Funding to hire the landscape architect and associated sub-consultants for this project was approved in 2015 to proceed with detailed design work and the preparation of working drawings. The consulting team, lead by Vertechs Design, Landscape Architects, who completed the master plan, has been hired to provide consulting and professional services for this project. A Purchase Order has been issued for

detailed design and working drawing services, and contract administration services. Municipal funding for construction of Phase 1 works was approved in the 2016 budget subject to entering into a contribution agreement for federal funding. Construction work is anticipated to begin in the fall of 2016 to ensure substantial completion, as early as the fall of 2017, weather permitting.

The key elements of Phase 1 work includes: repair, construction and rehabilitation of the entry plaza and cenotaph (located on the upper terrace near the entry plaza), the lower court, associated seat walls, trellises, and landscaping.

Operations staff are investigating the possibility of securing tree saplings, propagated from oaks brought back from Vimy Ridge by a soldier, who planted and nurtured them on his property in Scarborough. Cuttings have been taken and are being propagated by Cannon Nurseries who is growing the trees for the 2017 Vimy Foundations' high profile replanting of 100 trees at Vimy Ridge where the trees will be flown back for a historic celebration and planting by veterans. Staff believes that it would be extraordinarily meaningful to the veterans if we could incorporate some of these trees into our design for the Canada 150 cenotaph project.

As a key design component of Veterans Square, a national design competition process for the cenotaph will be undertaken by staff from the Culture Department. This will be a two stage process where artists from across Canada will be invited to submit a letter of interest/initial proposal following which, a short list of artists will be asked to submit detailed proposals. A jury process will be used to select the preferred proposal for consideration. The artist would then be retained to work with staff and the consultant team to realize the work within the Veterans Square site. Opportunities to incorporate components of the existing cenotaph will be explored through this process.

A small portion of the Veteran's Square property (approximately 0.4 acres) is owned by the Ministry of Transportation (MTO). The City has a long term lease agreement with MTO for this portion of land and pays a nominal amount of \$1.00 per annum. The remaining term on this Lease is approximately 61 years, expiring in July 2077. As a part of the agreement to receive Canada 150 funding, the City is required to either have ownership of the land or a leasehold interest in the land upon which the improvements will be implemented with the funding received. If the land is sold or the leasehold interest is transferred within a minimum of six years from the expiry of the contribution agreement, repayment of the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program Funds in whole or in part may be required. Under the Lease, MTO has the option to terminate the Lease upon giving the City at least one year's notice that MTO requires the property for transportation purposes. Staff are currently working with the MTO to discuss the terms of the Lease with a view to meeting all stakeholder objectives.

The master plan for this project includes two future phases. The second phase involves completing the required work around the library as well as the other memorial areas and children's reading garden, and the third phase includes the neighborhood park component to the south of the library. The total construction cost of all three phases is estimated at \$3.1 million in 2015 dollars.

#### **Improvement of Main Entrance to Thornhill Community Centre with Benjamin Thorne Tribute**

This project was submitted for consideration in recognition of, and to pay homage to Benjamin Thorne, the founder and namesake of Thornhill. At the time of project submission the entrance of the Thornhill Community Centre & Library was selected as the proposed site for the installation. The scope of work

includes a commissioned bronze statue/monument in tribute to Benjamin Thorne along with a refresh of the entrance space, including some minor landscaping treatments.

Since the submission of the grant application, a different location was identified as a potential site for the monument. The site in question is the greenspace immediately adjacent to the driveway/entrance of the Pomona Valley Tennis Club. In discussion with FedDev, it has been determined that the change in location and scope will not be accepted by CIP 150 and hence if the City decides to go with this location it would forfeit the grant funding and would have to fund the entire project with City funds. The program criteria is for retrofits and/or restoration of existing infrastructure only and therefore the Pomona Mills location would not actually qualify for funding. As such staff are recommending that the Thorne Tribute proceed at the Thornhill Community Centre and Library with the total project cost of \$500,571.

Similar to the Veteran's Square project Markham must meet a number of conditions from the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program. Mainly that the project to be substantially completed by March 31, 2018. Project costs incurred prior to April 1, 2016 and after March 31, 2018 will not be eligible for program funding.

FedDev Ontario will be forwarding a contribution agreement which once received will need to be executed within 30 days. Along with the execution of the contribution agreement, FedDev Ontario requires a Council resolution to be passed authorizing/endorsing the projects being funded.

#### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS AND TEMPLATE:**

The funding provided by CIP 150 for each of the projects does not cover the full cost of the respective projects. The Veteran's Square project is being funded at 50% while the Benjamin Thorne project will receive \$133,571 in funding from CIP 150. The City is required to cover the remaining costs for each of the projects. The projects will be funded as follows:

<b>Veteran's Square and Cenotaph in Historic Markham Village</b>	<b>Costs (\$)</b>
<b>Project #16034 "Markham Village Library Square – Phase 1 Construction"</b>	<b>\$1,933,400</b>
Funding Sources:	
• Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program (subject to eligible cost conditions)	\$950,000
• Development Charges Reserve	\$885,060
• Non DC growth	\$98,340
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,933,400</b>

<b>Improvement of Main Entrance to Thornhill Community Centre with Benjamin Thorne Tribute</b>	<b>Costs (\$)</b>
Project #15112 "Culture Public Art"	\$150,000
Project #16078 "Culture Public Art Program"	\$350,571
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$500,571</b>
Funding Sources:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program (subject to eligible cost conditions)</li> </ul>	\$133,571
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gas Tax</li> </ul>	\$150,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ramp-Up Reserve</li> </ul>	\$67,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Developer Funding</li> </ul>	\$150,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$500,571</b>

Future phases will be requested as part of the capital budget process subject to Council approval.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES CONSIDERATIONS**

N/A

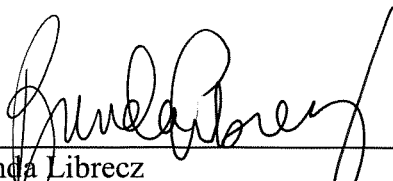
## **ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:**

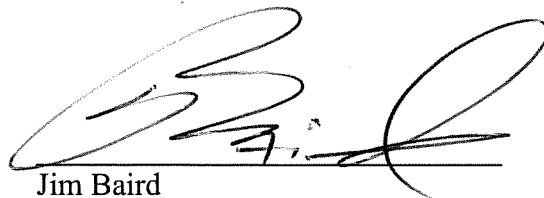
This report supports Building Markham's Future Together by focusing on fiscal stewardship and the provision of quality community infrastructure. By applying for and receiving funding from the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program, these projects can be considered E3 initiatives that will be helping to reduce the pressure on tax funding to pay for much-needed rehabilitations. Both projects are also aligned with the Culture Plan and the Public Realm Strategy, and will provide a foundation for the City's Destination Markham Strategy by creating spaces for the community to gather and celebrate.

## **BUSINESS UNITS CONSULTED AND AFFECTED:**

Planning & Urban Design  
 Recreation Services  
 Culture Services  
 Financial Services

## **RECOMMENDED BY:**

  
 Brenda Librecz  
 Commissioner, Community & Fire Services

  
 Jim Baird  
 Commissioner, Development Services

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

Council Extract: Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program - Grant Application



## THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MARKHAM

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**EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Jun 15, 2015  
REPORT NO. 30 - DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE (June 2, 2015)****(5) CANADA 150 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM - GRANT APPLICATION  
(7.6)****Report Attachment**

- 1) That the report, "Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program - Grant Application", be received; and,
- 2) That the Commissioner of Community and Fire Services be authorized to submit applications to the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program for the following projects:
  - Markham Village Library Square (to be renamed to Veterans Square) Rehabilitation and New Cenotaph – Phase 1
  - Bronze Monument to Benjamin Thorne and onsite Amenities
  - Stiver Mill Expansion – Phase 2; and,
- 3) That staff report back on appropriate funding sources should Markham be successful in obtaining one or more grants; and further,
- 4) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

**Carried**



Report to: Development Services Committee

Date Report Authored: May 27, 2015

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**SUBJECT:** Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program - Grant Application  
**PREPARED BY:** Sara Tam, ext. 7533

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1) THAT the report, "Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program - Grant Application", be received;
- 2) AND THAT the Commissioner of Community and Fire Services be authorized to submit applications to the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program for those infrastructure projects as selected by Council from the list of shortlisted projects;
- 3) AND THAT staff report back on appropriate funding sources should Markham be successful in obtaining one or more grants;
- 4) AND THAT staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of the report is to seek authorization to apply for grant funding for selected Markham infrastructure projects from the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program.

**BACKGROUND:**

Through the Federal Government's Economic Action Plan 2015 and as a part of a coordinated federal approach to celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Confederation in 2017, the Government of Canada has launched the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program. This program was announced on May 15, 2015.

The program provides \$150 million nationally over two years to support the rehabilitation, renovation and expansion of existing community infrastructure. For southern Ontario, the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario) is delivering the program with an allocation of \$44.4 million.

**OPTIONS/ DISCUSSION:**

**Program Criteria and Eligibility**

Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program provides funding for the rehabilitation, renovation, and expansion of existing community infrastructure assets that are non-commercial in nature. An eligible project must be:

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- *open for use to the public and not limited to a private membership;*
  - *leverage a minimum of 50 percent of funding from other sources; and*
  - *be substantially completed by March 31, 2018.*

Ineligible projects include construction of new infrastructure, temporary installations, or facility expansions that would result in more than 50 percent increase in square footage.

Eligible projects must fall within the following project categories to be eligible for funding under the program:

- community centres (including Legion Halls);
- cultural centres and museums;
- parks, recreational trails, including fitness trails, bike paths and other types of trails;
- libraries;
- recreational facilities including local arenas, gymnasiums, swimming pools, sports fields, tennis, basketball, volleyball or other sport-specific courts, golf courses, ski hills or other types of recreational facilities;
- tourism facilities;
- docks;
- cenotaphs; and
- other existing community infrastructure assets for public benefit that have a local community impact, such as local roads, drinking water treatment and distribution systems, connectivity and broadband, local airports, solid waste management and wastewater infrastructure.

In southern Ontario, priority may be given to projects that require a federal contribution of 33.3 percent of total eligible project costs, projects with smaller scope and projects that can be completed by June 30, 2017. Municipalities in the Region of York are eligible to apply until 5 p.m. EDT on June 9, 2015. The funder's Program Guidelines is provided in Attachment 2.

#### **Markham's Approach relating to Canada 150 Infrastructure Program**

Staff has prepared a list of potential Markham projects, with input received from Members of Council (Attachment 1). These projects will be assessed against the following internal selection criteria to shortlist projects to be submitted for funding by the specified deadline. Staff have devised these criteria to support fact-based and fiscally-prudent decision making and to ensure Markham has the best chance of success with this funding program:

1. 100% compliance to the Canada 150 Program requirements, including a maximum program grant of \$1,000,000 and up to 50 percent of total eligible costs
2. Alignment to City of Markham priorities
3. Give priority to projects that provide high visibility and generate community excitement due to the celebration nature of this funding
4. Support effort made in the multi-year budget by selecting unfunded capital projects with a community infrastructure focus

5. Support fiscal stewardship by selecting capital projects that have little to no additional operating costs
6. Select those capital projects with project costs incurred between April 1, 2016 and March 31, 2018
7. Consideration may be given to those capital projects that can be completed by June 30, 2017 and require less than 50% of program contribution

Using the above criteria, staff have shortlisted the following five (5) projects to assist Council in selecting a smaller subset of these projects to be submitted to the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program. Based on the limited amount of dollars allocated to Ontario for this program, it may be best to limit the number of applications made to this program.

Shortlisted Projects	Cost Estimate
Markham Village Library Square Rehabilitation and New Cenotaph – Phase 1	\$2,100,000
Bronze Monument to Benjamin Thorne and onsite Park Amenities	\$700,000
Pan Am Legacy Public Art - Fountain	\$1,500,000
Stiver Mill Expansion – Phase 2	\$800,000
Morgan Park Revitalization	\$3,150,000

#### **Other Notable Canada 150 Funding Opportunity**

In addition to the infrastructure grant program outlined in this report, there is a separate funding program, Canada 150 Fund, to create opportunities for Canadians to participate in local, regional, and national celebrations that contribute to building a sense of pride and attachment to Canada. At the May 26, 2015 Council meeting, staff has been authorized to look into making a submission in that Program also. Appropriate reporting will be provided to Council.

#### **Future Considerations**

City staff evaluated the funding eligibility of community infrastructure assets in the Rouge National Urban Park (RNUP) study area, specifically improvements to Cedarena and restoration of Locust Hill School House. These two projects will not be pursued at this time as they are ineligible since the City does not currently own them.

As part of the establishment of RNUP, the City will work with Parks Canada and other stakeholders to develop project scopes and budgets to pursue future funding opportunities and/or partnerships for Cedarena, Locust Hill School House, two pedestrian bridges to link our trails to RNUP's trails and possibly other projects. Appropriate reporting will be provided to Council.

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**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS AND TEMPLATE:**

City of Markham will provide a minimum of 50 percent of funding for qualified projects submitted to FedDev Ontario. Any grant funding received through the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program is beneficial to Markham's bottom-line by lessening the pressure on municipal funding sources. Staff will need to identify a funding source should Markham be successful in obtaining one or more of the grants.

**HUMAN RESOURCES CONSIDERATIONS**

N/A

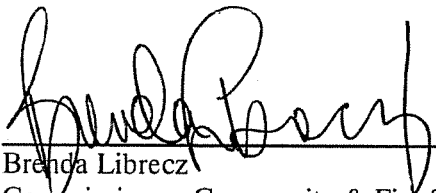
**ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:**

This report supports Building Markham's Future Together by focusing on fiscal stewardship and the provision of quality community infrastructure. It further supports our organization's E3 efforts and the Business Outcomes of customer satisfaction and financial management, as outlined in the Excellence Markham framework.

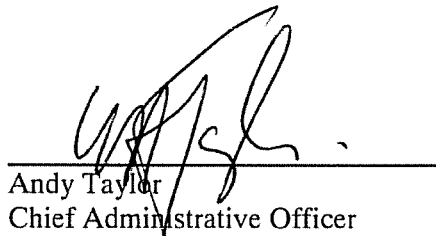
**BUSINESS UNITS CONSULTED AND AFFECTED:**

Council Members and various departments have been consulted.

**RECOMMENDED BY:**



Brenda Librecz  
Commissioner, Community & Fire Services



Andy Taylor  
Chief Administrative Officer

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Potential Markham Projects to be Submitted for Funding Consideration – Long List
2. Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program: Program Guidelines



The Corporation of the City of Markham

## Attachment 1

### Potential Markham Projects to be Submitted for Funding Consideration – Long List

#### Project Summary

Project Name		Cost Estimate
1	Bronze Monument to Benjamin Thorne and onsite Park Amenities	\$700,000
2	Stiver Mill Expansion – Phase 2	\$800,000
3	Parks Renaissance Strategy	\$1,000,000
4	Glencrest Park Revitalization	\$1,000,000
5	Energy Retrofits of Municipal Facilities	\$1,368,750
6	Pan Am Legacy Public Art - Fountain	\$1,500,000
7	Markham Village Library Square Rehabilitation and New Cenotaph – Phase 1	\$2,100,000
8	Morgan Park Revitalization	\$3,150,000
9	Anti Whistling	\$4,000,000
10	Milliken Mills Community Centre & Library - Aquatic Change Room Renovation	\$4,600,000
11	Multi Use Pathway and Sidewalk Installation	\$5,530,000
11	West Thornhill Flood Control Implementation	Phase 1C \$1.77 M Phase 2A <u>\$5.90 M</u> \$7.67 M
13	Mt. Joy Conversion of Indoor Soccer to Ice Rink and Installation of Air Support System on Artificial Turf	\$12,000,000
14	Conversion of Existing High Pressure Sodium (HPS) Decorative Streetlight Luminaires to LED Decorative Luminaires	\$13,500,000
15	Main Street Markham, Bullock Drive to 16th Avenue	\$10,000,000 to \$12,000,000
16	Highway 7 Hydro Undergrounding	\$10,000,000 to \$18,000,000
17	Theatre Expansion	\$25,000,000

# PROJECT 1

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## 1.1. **Project Name**

Bronze Monument to Benjamin Thorne and onsite Park Amenities

## 1.2. **Location**

Thornhill

## 1.3. **Description**

Expand Markham's Public Art Program by installing a significant bronze monument to commemorate the contributions of Benjamin Thorne to Markham and the development of the community of Thornhill and revitalize onsite park amenities.

Benjamin Thorne (1794 – 1848) arrived in Upper Canada from Dorset, England in 1820. Thorne's arrival would prove to have particular significance. By 1830, Thorne was operating a gristmill, a sawmill, and a tannery in a small settlement that came to be known as Thorne's Mills and then Thorne's Hill after Benjamin Thorne. Apart from being a successful businessman (by the 1940s he was the colony's largest producer of flour for export), Thorne's contributions and dedication to Thornhill was demonstrated in his role as an office holder and militia officer; in addition, he established a post office, was secretary of a society that imported books, and donated land for the erection of an Anglican church. His impact on Thornhill was the foundation of a strong economic center that valued a cultured and socially-oriented community.

## 1.4. **Benefits**

Public art is an invaluable asset in the public realm. It creates landmarks, it beautifies, and it can act as an educational tool. Markham is known for being a significant high tech centre with one of the most diverse communities in Canada. With the rapid expansion of the City and a fast-changing urban landscape, it is important to acknowledge historical figures and activities both as a way to build heritage as well as create connections between a younger generation and the past. Contemporary interpretations of history and historical figures build bridges between the past and the present, and create links between early settlement and the ongoing building for the future of the City. Placed prominently in the village that was named for him, a monument to Benjamin Thorne will acknowledge his influence and act as an inspiration to those others who came and continue to come to a world filled with possibility and opportunity. Sited in such a way that residents can gather in its vicinity, the artwork will also function as a tourist attraction for visitors to come and learn about the history of Thornhill.

## 1.5. **Cost Estimate**

\$300,000 (public art) + \$400,000 (park amenities) = \$700,000

# PROJECT 2

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## 2.1. **Project Name**

Stiver Mill Expansion – Phase 2

## 2.2. **Location**

9 Station Lane

## 2.3. **Description**

The project is for the expansion of the Stiver Mill Community Centre. Phase I restoration was completed in March 2014 under the Feddev Ontario Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund (CIIF) in the amount of \$622,339 which included restoration of the Mill and enhancement of public spaces. The work includes expansion of the newly restored Stiver Mill building (1,630 sq.ft.), enclosed ground floor extension and exterior canopy, a new parking lot on the west side, and extension of the boardwalk that connects Main Street Unionville to Eureka Street. The City has allocated Section 37 contribution for the expansion of the Mill in the amount of \$190,000.

The newly restored Stiver Mill Community Centre received the 2014 Markham Design Excellence Award in the category of Buildings of Significance.

## 2.4. **Benefits**

The former Stiver Mill is an iconic heritage feature and landmark in the historic village of Unionville. It represents the former industrial component of the village and has a direct relationship to the historic train station and the adjacent railway. It is also one of the few grain elevators left in the GTA/province with original equipment. The Mill has great significance not only in the village, but also in the broader community (cultural experience when visiting, assisting in the economic viability of the tourist area). The building was built in the early 1900s and the Stiver family closed it in 1968.

The improvements will provide greatly needed public space within Main Street Unionville, and increase the usable space to 2,750 sf., meet accessibility requirements, and provide safe public access on the site.

## 2.5. **Cost Estimate**

\$800,000

# PROJECT 3

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## 3.1. **Project Name**

Parks Renaissance Strategy

## 3.2. **Location**

One park per ward – To be determined through needs assessment

## 3.3. **Description**

The project will address the growing needs of rapidly changing demographics of the residents of Markham. The City is experiencing increasing public demands for highly interactive outdoor spaces to promote health and fitness, environmental education, and community interaction, in conjunction with sustainable planning initiatives. Renewal of dated parks which were developed decades ago is needed to meet the changing needs and recreational interests of the community and promote healthy, active living to all ages.

Approach would be to provide simple but impactful 'light' enhancements to improve park enjoyment by residents. Enhancements may include shade pavilions where group exercises, such as Tai Chi, may occur or to promote group interactions in a fresh air environment. The creation or expansion of additional pathways, where people can walk for fitness, combined with exercise stations will be considered. Educational signage will be implemented to promote environmental education and respect. Additional play structures, beach volleyball courts, games tables, and additional seating areas, including outdoor meditative spaces, will also be important components of park renewal. Year round outdoor recreation will be the focus. Renewal of these parks reflecting the spirit of the Pan Am Games through the addition of outdoor sport/leisure amenities will promote active community health and recreation.

## 3.4. **Benefits**

The improvements will provide greatly needed park renewal to encourage fitness, enhance health, public safety, and community interaction resulting in positive physical and mental health and well-being benefits and improved social connections and an appreciation for green spaces and the public realm.

## 3.5. **Cost Estimate**

\$1,000,000

# PROJECT 4

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## 4.1. **Project Name**

Glencrest Park Revitalization

## 4.2. **Location**

Ladyslipper Court in Bayview Glen

## 4.3. **Description**

The Glencrest Park Revitalization is a collaborative project of the Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA) and the City of Markham that showcases an innovative approach to resilient infrastructure that can last for future generations.

It excites and inspires by exhibiting how a traditional flood remediation project can be re-imagined to restore a historically piped creek and add long term beauty and ecological function. This is an excellent example of how the Sustainable Neighbourhood retrofit Action Plan's (SNAP) neighbourhood approach brings together diverse partners to create measurable environmental impact and community transformation.

Funding for detailed design of the park concept is in place for 2015. Implementation is planned for 2016, pending funding. A proposal for \$100,000 of funding is being submitted to RBC's Blue Water Fund by the TRCA for implementation.

## 4.4. **Benefits**

Furthermore, this public realm project will engage and inspire local residents to take action to conserve their water and undertake home retrofits to embrace and look after their community. This project will improve the amenities of this park while also creating a safe active transport route through the park to a main thoroughfare with sidewalks leading to the local public school. The synergies between a large infrastructure project and neighbourhood sustainability improvements will serve as an excellent example for other communities to bundle projects to achieve multiple complimentary ends.

This project also benefits the broader Markham community by serving as a pilot for community retrofits, as recommended in the Greenprint, Markham Community Sustainability Plan and supported by our Municipal Energy Plan.

## 4.5. **Cost Estimate**

\$1,000,000

# PROJECT 5

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## 5.1. **Project Name**

Energy Retrofits of Municipal Facilities

## 5.2. **Location**

35 city-owned facilities

## 5.3. **Description**

Markham's five year Corporate Energy Management Plan was developed with input across the organization to meet Ontario's 397/11 energy planning and reporting requirements. It was recognized in late 2014 by the FCM's Partners in Climate Protection as meeting Corporate Milestones 2 and 3 for targets and planning.

The project provides 35 city-owned buildings with improvements in LED light retrofits, building intelligence by centralizing to a common platform, efficiency enhancements to equipment replaced during lifecycle retrofits, and training and awareness for building operators and occupants.

Staff and capital funding is in place for 2015. Future staffing and capital funding are uncertain at this time. An injection of significant funding would accelerate the implementation of the plan by two years.

## 5.4. **Benefits**

By 2019 this plan targets the reduction of corporate energy intensity by 10%, facility energy demand reduction of 10%, resulting in a 5% per capita GHG emissions reduction. The Greenprint, Markham Community Sustainability Plan has an objective of net zero energy, water, waste and emissions by 2050 and the Corporate Energy Plan and its projects move us toward achieving that objective and providing leadership for our community.

The plan's proposed investments in energy retrofits are expected to help reduce cumulative utility costs by \$1.647M through to 2019.

## 5.5. **Cost Estimate**

\$1,368,750, includes capital and additional project management costs to accelerate the program.

## 6.1. **Project Name**

Pan Am Legacy Public Art - Fountain

## 6.2. **Location**

Pan Am Centre

## 6.3. **Description**

The installation of a substantial water fountain is a legacy addition to the piazza of the Markham Pan Am Centre.

The Pan Am Games have left a lasting legacy in Markham. The experience of having participated in the games as a spectator, volunteer, or visitor will remain with all those who were able to be part of this unique event. The lasting legacy of a world-class sport facility with its Olympic sized pool and gymnasium will be of benefit to the Markham community and Canadian athletes for decades to come. The building was conceived with the knowledge that a high volume of people would be visiting the centre. Once the games are over, the large outdoor piazza will appear quite empty. A fountain placed centrally in this piazza would further enhance the spectacular building and create an inviting area for people to gather.

## 6.4. **Benefits**

The spirit of the Pan Am/Parapan Games is to offer life-affecting experiences, setting benchmarks, and transforming communities. Water polo is one of the Pan Am Parapan sports being showcased in Markham, and 2015 marks the conclusion of the United Nation's *Water for Life* decade, making a public artwork that focuses on water a timely project. A fountain designed in a sustainable way could create awareness around natural resources. A fountain always attracts people to sit, cool off, or relax with others or alone. A water feature that connects environmental ideas with beautification, and water sports with recreation, will leave Markham's Pan Am Centre with a lasting legacy artwork.

## 6.5. **Cost Estimate**

\$1,500,000

## 7.1. **Project Name**

Markham Village Library Square Rehabilitation and New Cenotaph

## 7.2. **Location**

Markham Village Library Square - Highway 7 and Main Street Markham

## 7.3. **Description**

The existing Markham Cenotaph and associated sculpture entitled “The Fortress” by Rebecca Sisler, RCA, which is located at the Markham Village Library in the heart of historic Markham Village, was built in 1967 to commemorate the memory of those of the Markham District whose lives were sacrificed for the cause of Freedom. Each year on Remembrance Day, the Markham Veterans Association holds a church service, parade and remembrance ceremony at the Markham Village Cenotaph to honour and remember those brave men and women from the Markham area who served Canada in times of war, armed conflict and in peace.

In 2014, the Council endorsed a master plan for the rehabilitation of the Markham Village Library Square which includes: a multi-functional civic square; commemorative / memorial spaces for Markham’s veterans and firefighters; a hospice garden; a children’s reading garden; an amphitheatre; space for library related events; and, associated walls, trellises, seating and landscaping. Currently, the City is proceeding with detailed design work and preparation of working drawings with the intention to start construction of phase 1 work in May 2016, subject to availability of funding. Phase 1 includes construction of the entry plaza, the new war memorial and cenotaph (located on the upper terrace near the entry plaza), the lower court, associated seat walls, trellises, and landscaping. The total cost of this project is estimated at \$3.1 million with \$2.1 million allocated to Phase 1, and \$1 million to Phase 2. The project is phased to ensure that a significant portion of the project, including the new cenotaph, is substantially completed by March 31, 2018.

## 7.4. **Benefits**

The rehabilitation of Markham Village Library Square, which includes the development of a new war memorial and cenotaph, will ensure that the sacrifices of those who took part in the World Wars and other conflicts are appropriately commemorated and honoured. Created through an iterative and collaborative process -- which included local residents, business owners, the Markham Village B.I. A., the Markham Veterans Association, Evergreen Hospice, firefighters, the Library Board, and city staff -- this important municipal site will be transformed into a welcoming, dynamic, multi-cultural, multi-functional, and meaningful civic square.

## 7.5. **Cost Estimate**

\$2.1M (Phase 1) + \$1.0M (Phase 2) = \$3.1M

# PROJECT 8

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## 8.1. **Project Name**

Morgan Park Pool Revitalization

## 8.2. **Location**

11 Parkway Avenue

## 8.3. **Description**

The project is to revitalize the Morgan Park Outdoor Pool. The pool facility is part of Morgan Park which is one of the oldest parks in Markham. Built in 1923, the 7-acre park property hosts the outdoor pool, ball diamond and passive areas. The pool was built in 1957 originally by the Markham Lions Club, who later donated it to the City of Markham. The original pool tank and buildings are in need of replacement. Included in this project would be the replacement of all the building structure (pool office, change rooms, storage area and mechanical/electrical room), as well as a total replacement of the pool tank, plumbing and creation of more interactive water play area.

## 8.4. **Benefits**

The redevelopment of the outdoor pool will preserve this amenity which the residents in this community have recently, through Master Plan Consultation, of the entire park site, identified as an important component to the community that uses this park. Through the Morgan Park Master Plan consultation there were a number of options presented to the community which did not include the pool. The overwhelming feedback was that the pool is an integral part of the park. The Master Plan design concept was approved by Council in June 2014.

## 8.5. **Cost Estimate**

\$3,150,000

# PROJECT 9

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## 9.1. **Project Name**

Anti Whistling

## 9.2. **Location**

Stouffville GO Line – Steeles Ave. to Major Mackenzie Rd.

## 9.3. **Description**

- Residents ongoing concerns re: train whistle noise
- Train volume from Hwy.7 to Major Mackenzie to increase for 10 trains to 40. (time frame not finalized)
- Update of Safety Audit underway
- Presentation to Council in May 2015 then report in September 2015 asking for direction

### **Key Issues**

- Liability / risk to Corporation
- Lack of Funding

## 9.4. **Benefits**

- Improve quality of life for Unionville and Markham residents

## 9.5. **Cost Estimate**

- \$4 million – to be updated in May 2015
- Potential cost sharing by Region - \$1.7 million
- Net to City - \$2.03 million
- No present funding source

# PROJECT 10

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## 10.1. **Project Name**

Milliken Mills Community Centre and Library – Aquatic Change Room Renovation

## 10.2. **Location**

7600 Kennedy Road

## 10.3. **Description**

The project renovates the Aquatic change rooms to accommodate the addition of a universal change room and improve accessibility and security, and also includes the reconfiguration of the “pool reception area desk” to make it accessible and position it as a control access point to help monitor and control access into the aquatic area. The creation of a universal change room in the pool area will meet family and cultural needs of this area and further the Council approved Diversity Action Plan.

## 10.4. **Benefits**

The Milliken Mills Community Centre and Library provides a one-stop leisure experience for the Markham South community. This area hosts the highest percentage of low income earners and is the most culturally diverse in Markham. In Canada drowning is the No 1. Cause of unintentional deaths among 1 -4 year olds. And the second leading cause of preventable deaths in children under 10 years. Recent statistics published by the Life Saving Society of Ontario identified that incidents of near drowning and drowning within the immigrant population in Ontario has more than double. Learning to swim is a life skill. This project will enhance the community’s ability to use the aquatic centre, removing the barrier to participate due to limited diverse and accessible change room area.

## 10.5. **Cost Estimate**

\$4.6M

## 11.1. **Project**

Multi Use Pathway and Sidewalk Installation

## 11.2. **Location**

- Phase 3 and 4
- Various sidewalk installation throughout Markham

## 11.3. **Description**

- Completion of Multi Use Pathway (MUP) from Toogood Pond to Bob Hunter Park in 2016/17
- MUP Phase 1 completed and Phase 2 to commence in 2015 and be completed in 2016
- Misc sidewalk installation throughout Markham

### **Key Issues**

- TRCA permit
- Property acquisition
- Council finalization of cross section

## 11.4. **Benefit**

- Provide residents of Markham with trail system for recreational uses and exercise
- Council priority
- Sidewalk installation to fill in gaps

## 11.5. **Cost Estimate**

- \$7.3M MUP plus \$1.2M sidewalk
- 35% Development Charges funded
- \$5.53M funding required

# PROJECT 12

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12.1. **Project Name**

West Thornhill Flood Control Implementation

12.2. **Location** (if applicable)

East side of Yonge Street, west side of German Mills Creek, north of Steeles Avenue East and south of Holy Cross Cemetery

12.3. **Description**

The storm sewer pipes require upgrade to increase the level of service to a 100 year storm return period. The project was approved by Markham Council in November 2013 for the West Thornhill area in accordance with the City's November 2010 Class EA Study. The City-wide Flood Control Program is a 30 year program with an estimated cost of \$234M - \$288M (2014 dollars).

12.4. **Benefits**

The improvements will minimize the potential of basement flooding and related property damage in the neighbourhood, protect human life and property, and reduce the negative financial impacts to residents and businesses in responding to and recovering from flooding.

12.5. **Cost Estimate**

The detail design of the following phases is underway, and will be ready for construction in 2016.

Phase 1C:	\$1.77M
Phase 2A:	\$5.90M
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7.67M</b>

# PROJECT 13

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## 13.1. **Project Name**

Mt. Joy Conversion of Indoor Soccer to Ice Rink and Installation of Air Support System on Artificial Turf

## 13.2. **Location**

6140 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue

## 13.3. **Description**

The Mt. Joy Community Centre currently consists of an ice pad, indoor soccer pad and full size artificial turf field. The scope of this project is to convert the current indoor soccer pad into an ice pad (installation of chilling system and boards) and the installation of a full size dome over the artificial turf field with club house. The project also includes a new aboveground parking structure to accommodate additional users.

## 13.4. **Benefits**

The project provides an additional ice rink in an area of Markham with the highest demand for ice. Currently if user groups require additional ice time, they will have to find them outside of Markham. The installation of an air support system supports the high demand in our community for year round sports group, such as soccer, football, lacrosse and rugby.

## 13.5. **Cost Estimate**

\$12M

14.1. **Project Name**

Conversion of Existing High Pressure Sodium (HPS) Decorative Streetlight Luminaires to LED Decorative Luminaires

14.2. **Location**

City-wide

14.3. **Description**

The project is to improve the decorative streetlighting infrastructure from High Pressure Sodium (HPS) to Light Emitting Diode (LED) to gain energy efficiency, reduce operating cost, and support the Environment. This LED conversion program will convert approximately 13,200 decorative style High Pressure Sodium (HPS) luminaires to decorative style LED luminaires.

14.4. **Benefits**

- 50% percent reduction in energy costs (approx. \$565k/annum);
- 22% percent reduction in maintenance costs (approx. \$70k) due to the longevity of LED luminaires (approx. 20 years) and elimination of the five year group relamping program;
- Reduction in the City's streetlighting carbon footprint;
- Increased vehicular and pedestrian safety through better visibility, object recognition and colour performance; and
- LED luminaires meet the requirements of the International Dark-Sky Association (IDA) as dark-sky friendly, thus eliminating up-light that produces obtrusive sky glow from streetlights

14.5. **Cost Estimate**

\$13.5M

# PROJECT 15

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## 15.1. **Project Name**

Main Street Markham, Bullock Drive to 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue

## 15.2. **Location**

Bullock Drive to 16th Avenue

## 15.3. **Description**

- Replacement/Upgrade of:
  - Watermain
  - Sanitary sewer
  - Utilities upgrades
  - Reduction of 4 lanes to 2 lanes with parking bump outs
  - Streetscaping

### **Key Issues**

- Not construction ready
- Staff do not recommend road closure/lane reduction for construction for at least 3 years
- Redesign required to validate utilities and undergrounding services
- Staff do not recommend proceeding until Donald Cousens Parkway is completed north of Major Mackenzie and traffic patterns stabilize
- This section of Main Street may have to be kept at 4 lanes to accommodate existing and future traffic

## 15.4. **Benefit**

Completion of 4th phase of Main street reconstruction

## 15.5. **Cost Estimate**

- Sanitary - Waterworks and Asset Management to finalize
- Water - Waterworks and Asset Management to finalize
- Storm - Waterworks and Asset Management to finalize
- Road work
- Streetscaping
- Utility relocation - TBF
- Total \$10m → \$12M

16.1. **Project Name**

Highway 7 Hydro Undergrounding

16.2. **Location** (if applicable)

Town Centre Boulevard to Sciberras Road

16.3. **Description**

- Region of York to commence reconstruction of Highway 7 from Town Centre Blvd. to Sciberras Rd. this year with completion by 2017
- Markham Council in June 2012 deferred undergrounding pending availability of funds
- Markham Council on Feb. 17, 2015 requested review of hydro undergrounding
- If funding can be resolved hydro undergrounding would have to commence by December 2015 and be completed by Spring 2016

**Key Issues**

- Subject to Powerstream/Rogers being able to design and construct hydro undergrounding in the specified time frame
- Subject to resolution of funding
- Subject to Regions schedule re: reconstruction of Highway 7

16.4. **Benefits**

- Improve streetscape of key road in Markham Centre
- Mitigate risks associated with extreme weather

16.5. **Cost Estimate**

- \$10M to \$18M
- No present funding source
- Markham staff is meeting with Powerstream and Region to discuss cost estimates, funding, cost sharing and scheduling issues

# PROJECT 17

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## 17.1. **Project Name**

Flato Markham Theatre Expansion

## 17.2. **Location**

171 Town Centre Boulevard

## 17.3. **Description**

The expansion will add 29,808 sq.ft. to the existing 46,150 sq.ft. building to serve and deliver programs to the community. The project will respond to population growth and increased demand for rentals and programs by addressing insufficient space for the delivery of programs, particularly for children and outreach, need for elevator access to enhance accessibility for all patrons, need to increase programming flexibility by adding a hybrid public and performing space, improvement of lobby and public space for reception, conferences and corporate events, and need for additional technical storage and administration space. The hybrid public and performing space will seat 200, and up to 400 in a conference setting.

## 17.4. **Benefits**

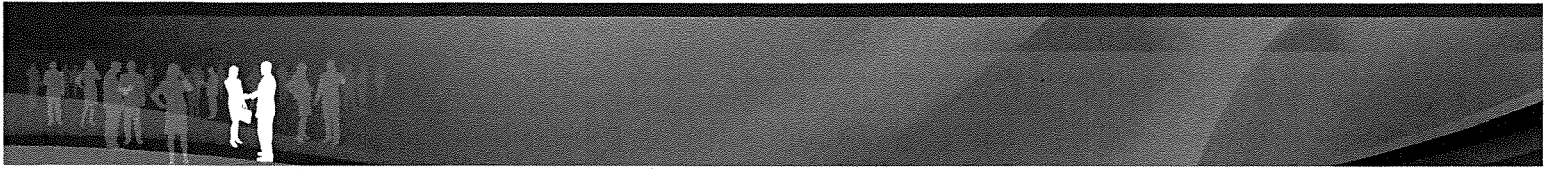
Studies have shown that the largest portion of the population will be 50 years and older for many years to come. This is the segment of the population recognized as the core audience for Theatre. Consequently, we expect that the average age of the core Theatre audience will increase dramatically in the next 20 years. The expansion will meet the growing need and the requirement for more accessibility features.

The general operation of the Theatre and number of events and programs have grown significantly in the past 5 years to reach full capacity with over 365 events annually, inclusive of rental operation and Theatre programs. There is a need for new equipment in order to serve the diverse users group and meet the changing standards of modern performing arts productions.

This project allows the Theatre to generate additional rental revenues. Based on the actual and high demand for rentals, the new space is highly desirable as there are no comparable spaces in the community. In addition, the new multifunctional space will create new sponsorship opportunities.

## 17.5. **Cost Estimate**

\$25 Million



Attachment 2

# **Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program**

## **PROGRAM GUIDELINES**



Federal Economic Development  
Agency for Southern Ontario

Agence fédérale de développement  
économique pour le Sud de l'Ontario

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## Background

Economic Action Plan 2015 announced \$150 million nationally over two years for the new Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program (CIP 150). The CIP 150 is part of a coordinated federal approach to celebrating Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Under the theme "Giving back to Canada" — shaping the future, leaving a lasting legacy and giving a gift to Canada — this program will support the rehabilitation, renovation and expansion of existing public infrastructure assets such as community centres, recreational facilities, local arenas, cultural centres and other community infrastructure. This commitment is expected to strengthen public infrastructure and provide economic benefits in communities across Canada.

The Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario) is delivering the program in southern Ontario with an allocation of \$44.4 million over two years.

## Eligibility

### I. Eligible Recipients

Eligible recipients under the program include:

- a municipal or regional government established by or under provincial statute;
- a band council or an Aboriginal government authority established by a Self-Government Agreement or a Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement;
- an incorporated not-for-profit organization;
- a provincial entity that provides municipal-type infrastructure services to communities, as defined by provincial statute; and
- a public-sector body that is established by or under provincial statute or by regulation or is wholly owned by a province, municipal or regional government which provides municipal-type infrastructure services to communities.

### II. Eligible Projects

Funding is for the rehabilitation, renovation and expansion of existing community infrastructure assets that are non-commercial in nature and located in southern Ontario. Please see the [Application Process](#) section for a list of eligible communities.

Ineligible projects include construction of new infrastructure, temporary installations, or facility expansions that would result in a significant increase of the asset (i.e. more than a 50 percent increase in square footage).



Eligible projects must:

- fall under an eligible category and be proposed by an eligible recipient;
- be for the rehabilitation, renovation or expansion of existing community infrastructure assets;
- be open for use to the public and not limited to a private membership;
- leverage a minimum of 50 percent of funding from other sources. Priority may be given to projects that leverage 66.6 percent or more; and
- be substantially completed by March 31, 2018.

For the purposes of the program, "substantially completed" has the same meaning and shall be determined in accordance with how the term "substantially performed" is defined in subsection 2(1) of the *Construction Lien Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.30, as amended, and "Substantial Completion" shall have a corresponding meaning.

Projects must fall within the following project categories to be eligible for funding under the program:

- community centres (including Legion Halls);
- cultural centres and museums;
- parks, recreational trails, including fitness trails, bike paths and other types of trails;
- libraries;
- recreational facilities including local arenas, gymnasias, swimming pools, sports fields, tennis, basketball, volleyball or other sport-specific courts, golf courses, ski hills or other types of recreational facilities;
- tourism facilities;
- docks;
- cenotaphs; and
- other existing community infrastructure assets for public benefit that have a local community impact, such as local roads, drinking water treatment and distribution systems, connectivity and broadband, local airports, solid waste management and wastewater infrastructure.

Examples of eligible projects include:

- expansions such as new entrances and ramps to improve accessibility to a facility;
- replacing windows and doors in a community centre to improve energy efficiency;
- upgrading heating, cooling or electrical systems to meet safety standards;
- adding a roof or lighting to an outdoor rink; and
- extending a trail or bike path by no more than 50 percent of its existing length.



### III. Eligible Project Costs

Eligible costs are costs considered to be direct and necessary for the successful implementation of an eligible project and are paid by an eligible recipient under a contract for goods or services, excluding those explicitly identified in section IV below. Eligible project costs can only be reimbursed to the recipient if a contribution agreement is signed by both parties. Costs must first be incurred and paid by the recipient, and if deemed eligible, will then be reimbursed at the prescribed percentage of the federal contribution.

Eligible costs for support under the program are as follows:

- costs that are incurred between April 1, 2016, and March 31, 2018;
- costs to rehabilitate, renovate or expand fixed capital assets of community infrastructure;
- fees paid to professionals, technical personnel, consultants and contractors specifically engaged for the purpose of the rehabilitation, renovation or expansion work;
- costs of environmental assessments, monitoring and follow-up activities as required by the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA) 2012 or equivalent legislation;
- costs of any public announcement and official ceremony or of any required temporary or permanent signage that includes the cost of creation and posting of signage;
- other costs that are considered to be direct and necessary for the successful implementation of the project and that are approved in advance; and
- Employee salaries and other incremental costs (i.e. materials or equipment) of the recipient may be included in eligible costs under the following conditions:
  - the recipient is a local, regional or Aboriginal government; and
  - the recipient confirms and substantiates that it is not economically feasible to tender a contract; and
  - costs are employed directly in respect of the work that would have been the subject of the contract; and
  - the costs are approved in advance and are included in the contribution agreement.

FedDev Ontario reserves the right to make the final determination on the value of contributions and to exclude expenditures deemed to be ineligible or outside the scope of the project.

### IV. Ineligible Project Costs

Costs related to the following items are **not** eligible costs under the program:

- project costs incurred before April 1, 2016, or after March 31, 2018;
- temporary installations and moveable equipment, including but not limited to, motorized vehicles, furniture, computers and sports equipment;
- services or work that is normally provided by the recipient or a related party;



- salaries and other employment benefits of any employees of the recipient except as outlined above in Eligible Project Costs;
- a recipient's overhead costs, its direct or indirect operating or administrative costs, and more specifically its costs related to planning, engineering, architecture, supervision, management and other activities normally carried out by the recipient's staff;
- in-kind contributions;
- the cost of feasibility and planning studies;
- taxes, such as GST and HST, for which the recipient is eligible for a tax rebate and all other costs eligible for rebates;
- the cost of land or any interest therein, and related costs;
- cost of leasing of equipment by the recipient except for as indicated in eligible costs, above;
- legal fees; and
- routine maintenance costs.

## Funding

Eligible recipients may receive a non-repayable contribution of up to 50 percent of total eligible project costs of an infrastructure project, with recipients providing the remaining balance. However, priority may be given to those projects that require a federal contribution of only 33.3 percent.

Eligible recipients may receive contributions of up to a maximum of \$1,000,000. However, priority may be given to smaller-scoped projects to ensure projects can be completed within the required timeframes and to ensure that the program benefits are shared broadly.

The total funding from all federal sources (including the CIP 150 and other sources such as the Gas Tax Fund) will not exceed 50 percent of total eligible project costs.

All projects are required to begin and have substantially completed construction prior to March 31, 2018. Should this condition of funding not be met, FedDev Ontario shall have the right to cancel funding in whole or in part, and to be repaid any funding advanced, in whole or in part, for any project that is not completed by the end of the program.

## Application Process

Applications and supporting documentation must be submitted to FedDev Ontario no later than **5:00 p.m. EDT on June 9, 2015.**

An application form and supporting documentation must be submitted for each project.

Incomplete and late applications will be deemed ineligible.



Applicants are strongly encouraged to apply online at [www.FedDevOntario.gc.ca/CIP150](http://www.FedDevOntario.gc.ca/CIP150).

If you are unable to access or submit your application online, please call the toll-free line at 1-866-593-5505.

In order to apply to the program through FedDev Ontario, the project location must be located in southern Ontario within one of the following 37 Statistics Canada census divisions:

Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry; Prescott and Russell; Ottawa; Leeds and Grenville; Lanark; Frontenac; Lennox and Addington; Hastings; Prince Edward; Northumberland; Peterborough; Kawartha Lakes; Durham; York; Toronto; Peel; Dufferin; Wellington; Halton; Hamilton; Niagara; Haldimand-Norfolk; Brant; Waterloo; Perth; Oxford; Elgin; Chatham-Kent; Essex; Lambton; Middlesex; Huron; Bruce; Grey; Simcoe; Haliburton; and, Renfrew.

A list of the communities that form each census division is available [online](#).

## Assessment Process

FedDev Ontario will review all applications following the application deadline. Applicants will be notified of the results of their application in writing.

Projects will be assessed on the eligibility requirements described above, as well as the following priority areas and selection criteria:

**Project Readiness:** Applicants are required to provide information necessary to determine if the project is construction-ready and will be substantially completed by March 31, 2018. Priority may be given to projects that can be completed by June 30, 2017.

**Project Scope:** In order to ensure that projects can be completed within the program timeframes and that the program benefits are shared broadly, priority may be given to smaller-scoped projects.

**Extent to which Other Funding is Leveraged:** The ability for a given project to leverage 66.6 percent of project funding from other sources may be considered when making project decisions.

**Link to Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Applicants are asked to outline how their infrastructure improvement project is linked to Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. For example, does the project contribute to modernizing Canada's infrastructure, do the upgrades provide long-term benefits to a community, does it have historical significance related to Confederation, or will its improvement contribute to celebrating Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Incrementality:** Applicants are required to attest, in conjunction with their project application, that the work to be undertaken is an incremental construction activity that would not



otherwise have been constructed or constructed as quickly, were it not for funding from the CIP 150.

## Other Requirements

### Endorsement

Proposed projects must be duly authorized or endorsed by a resolution of Council, Band or Board of Directors, as applicable. The resolution is encouraged at the time of the application and must be received before a contribution agreement can be executed.

In addition, not-for-profit organizations must provide the following documentation electronically with their application:

- Certified copy of their articles of incorporation; and
- List of current Board of Directors and contact information.

### Ownership of Asset

If an applicant does not own the asset for which CIP 150 funding is requested, the applicant must complete an Applicant Declaration and Landlord Authorization form at the time of application.

If at any time within six (6) years from the date of completion of the project, the recipient sells, leases, encumbers or otherwise disposes of, directly or indirectly, any asset funded, in whole or in part, with the financial assistance contributed under the terms of the program, the recipient must repay the federal government, on demand, a proportionate amount of the financial assistance, as follows:

Repayment of Contribution Amounts	
Where Project asset is sold, leased, encumbered or disposed of:	Repayment of contribution (in current dollars)
Within 2 Years after Project completion	100%
Between 2 and 6 Years after Project completion	55%
6 Years after Project completion	0%

### Environmental Assessment

Projects that are defined as "designated projects" under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* and those located on "federal lands" may require an environmental assessment or review. "Designated projects" include major projects such as electrical generating stations and transmission lines, oil and gas mining and processing facilities, metal and mineral mines, major railway lines, and all season highways. Applicants should



communicate with the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency for more information on "designated projects". For projects carried out on "federal lands" (which are not "designated projects"), FedDev Ontario will have to determine if the project is likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects. Eligible project costs cannot be reimbursed until this review has been completed.

## **Reporting**

All approved recipients will be required to submit progress reports until project completion. The progress report should detail progress on the implementation of the project, and amounts received through the agreement, amounts expended on approved projects, and an overall update on the project status. Details of this reporting will be provided to recipients in their contribution agreements.

## **Contact Us**

For more information on the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program, please email or call 1-866-593-5505.