



**CITY OF HAMILTON**  
**CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT**  
**Financial Planning and Policy Division**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Members General Issues Committee
<b>COMMITTEE DATE:</b>	September 7, 2016
<b>SUBJECT/REPORT NO:</b>	Ontario 150th Anniversary Funding Programs (FCS16066) (City Wide)
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	City Wide
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<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- (a) That the *Ancaster Aquatic Centre Renovation* Project, as listed in Appendix “A” of Report FCS16066, be approved as the City of Hamilton’s submission to the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) for the requested funding amount of \$500,000, in accordance with the terms and conditions associated with the Ontario150 Community Capital Program (Capital Program);
- (b) That the *Hamilton Celebrates Sesqui* Project and the *Through Young Eyes* Project, as listed in Appendix “B” of Report FCS16066, be endorsed as the City of Hamilton’s submissions to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (Ministry) for the total requested funding amount of \$140,000, in accordance with the terms and conditions associated with the Ontario150 Community Celebration Program (Celebration Program);
- (c) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute all necessary documentation, including Grant Contracts and Funding Agreements for funding under the Ontario150 Capital and Celebration Programs, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (d) That copies of Report FCS16066 be forwarded to local Members of Provincial Parliament.

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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

On July 8, 2016, the Ontario Government launched three new one-time, project-based programs to engage Ontarians and commemorate the 150th anniversary of Ontario throughout 2017. These programs include:

- **Ontario150 Community Capital Program (Capital Program)** - a \$25 M fund to renovate, repair and retrofit existing community and cultural infrastructure to increase access, improve safety and maximize community use.

Eligible projects include:

- multicultural centres
- playgrounds
- sport facilities
- cenotaphs
- elderly person centres
- other types of public meeting places and spaces

Eligible applicants include:

- not-for-profit community organizations
  - municipalities
  - Indigenous communities and organizations
- **Ontario150 Partnership Program (Partnership Program)** - a \$5 M program to support new partnerships and collaborations that engage, enable and empower youth as the next generation of Ontario leaders.

To be eligible for funding, the project must engage and empower youth through:

- creativity and cultural expression
- diversity and inclusion
- environmental stewardship
- youth entrepreneurship
- healthy living
- civic engagement

Eligible applicants include:

- not-for-profit community organizations
- municipalities
- Indigenous communities and organizations
- businesses (for non-commercial projects)
- business associations

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- **Ontario150 Community Celebration Program (Celebration Program)** - a \$7 M fund to help communities celebrate this historic year.

Eligible initiatives include single activities or series of activities, such as:

- Ontario150-themed multicultural events and community celebrations
- commemorative installation ceremonies
- food festivals celebrating local chefs, locally grown products and local food movements
- art exhibitions in public spaces showcasing local or iconic artists
- sporting events and competitions
- 150-themed public workshops, forums, conferences or symposia
- youth innovation or entrepreneur competitions

Eligible applicants include:

- not-for-profit organizations
- municipalities
- Indigenous communities and organizations

For-profit organizations, Chambers of Commerce and academic institutions are not eligible to apply for funding. However, these organizations are allowed to partner with not-for-profits.

Table 1 to Report FCS16066 provides a summary of terms and conditions of the three Ontario150 funding programs:

**TABLE 1 – Ontario150 Funding Program Terms and Conditions**

	<b>Capital Program</b>	<b>Partnership Program</b>	<b>Celebration Program</b>
Application deadline	September 14, 2016	September 30, 2016	September 2, 2016
Applications/applicant	One	One	Two
Max funding % of cost	50%	75%	75%
Max funding/project	\$ 500,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 70,000
Eligible cost period	Jan 1/17- Mar 31/18	Jan 1/17- Dec 31/17	Jan 1/17- Dec 31/17
Program administrator	Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF)	Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (Ministry)	

The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) will review all applications for the Capital Program following the application deadline based on the assessment criteria as outlined in Appendix “C” to Report FCS16066. The Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (Ministry) will evaluate submissions made under the Partnership and Celebration

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Programs based on established evaluation criteria for both respective programs as outlined in the Analysis and Rationale for Recommendation section of this Report.

A number of projects were evaluated, based upon staff's interpretation of the criteria, as specified within the application processes and the Programs' guidelines. As such, Table 2 to Report FCS16066 reflects the projects for Council's endorsement of the projects submitted under the Ontario150 funding programs:

**TABLE 2 – City of Hamilton Submissions to Ontario150 Funding Programs**

<b>Funding Program</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Project Cost</b>	<b>Funding Request</b>
Capital	Ancaster Aquatic Centre Renovation	\$ 1,375,000	\$ 500,000
Celebration	Hamilton Celebrates Sesqui	\$ 164,000	\$ 70,000
	Through Young Eyes	\$ 163,000	\$ 70,000

With respect to the Partnership Program, staff were not able to identify a project proposal for submission to this particular funding intake.

Appendices "A" and Appendix "B" to Report FCS16066 provide further details regarding the project submissions to aforementioned Ontario150 funding programs.

***Alternatives for Consideration – Not Applicable***

**FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

**Financial:** The City's recommended submission under the Ontario 150 Capital Program for \$500,000 and the Celebration program for \$140,000 are summarized in Table 2 of this report. The 2017 Capital and Operating Budget and Capital Financing Plans have not been funded or approved by Council. The sources of financing of the City's contributions will vary and are dependent on the specific projects approved and the amount of funding approved. Once the City is advised which projects have been approved, staff will report back to Council with a financing plan.

**Staffing:** N/A

**Legal:** The City will have to enter into a Grant Contract with OTF should the City be successful with its application to the Capital Program that will encompass the terms and conditions of the Capital Program. Similarly should the City receive approval for one or more of its applications to the Celebration Program, the City will have to enter into a Grant Agreement for

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the corresponding Program. The Grant Agreements will incorporate the terms and conditions of the respective Programs.

## **HISTORICAL BACKGROUND**

In 2017, Canada will celebrate its 150th anniversary. As a founding province, Ontario is joining the celebration with new funding, events and programs. Municipalities, community groups and not-for-profit organizations can apply for funding that will create social and cultural legacies through initiatives that support celebration, engagement and innovation in Ontario. On July 8, 2016, Ontario officially launched the Ontario150 funding programs as part of the celebrations of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the province's place in Canada in 2017.

The Ontario150 program is a series of events and initiatives that will stretch to every corner of the province, showcasing Ontario's innovative spirit, its culture and community diversity.

There are three application-based Ontario150 grant programs. They include:

- The **Ontario 150 Community Capital Program (Capital Program)** - a \$25 million fund to renovate, repair and retrofit existing community and cultural infrastructure to increase access, improve safety and maximize community use (application period opens July 18 and closes September 14, 2016);
- The **Ontario 150 Partnership Program (Partnership Program)** - a \$5 million program to support new partnerships and collaborations that engage, enable and empower youth as the next generation of Ontario leaders (application period opens July 6 and closes September 30, 2016);
- The **Ontario 150 Community Celebration Program (Celebration Program)** - a \$7 million fund to help communities celebrate this historic year (application period opens July 6 and closes September 2, 2016).

This Report, "Ontario 150th Anniversary Funding Programs" (FCS16066), seeks Council's endorsement of the projects submitted for Ontario150 funding consideration.

## **POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS**

N/A

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## **RELEVANT CONSULTATION**

Community and Emergency Services Department were consulted regarding potential project proposals for submission consideration under the Ontario150 funding programs.

Planning & Economic Development Department - Tourism & Culture division provided project proposals for submission consideration under the Ontario150 funding programs.

Public Works Department - Facilities Management and Corporate Assets/Strategic Planning divisions provided project proposals for submission consideration under the Ontario150 funding programs.

## **ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION**

The OTF will review all applications for the Capital Program following the application deadline based on the assessment criteria as outlined in Appendix “C” to Report FCS16066.

The Ministry will evaluate submissions made under the Partnership and Celebration Programs. Applications that meet all the Program requirements will be scored based on a combination of pre-determined evaluation criteria.

Partnership Program projects will be assessed as per the following Technical Evaluation Criteria:

<b>Technical Evaluation Criteria</b>	<b>Scoring Weight</b>
Organizational Capacity	<b>20%</b>
Project Description	<b>10%</b>
Relevance to <i>Ontario150 Partnership Program</i>	<b>30%</b>
Project Beneficiaries and Impact	<b>20%</b>
Risk Management and Evaluation Plan	<b>10%</b>
Current Fiscal Position and Budget	<b>10%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

Partnership Program funding is not guaranteed to all applicants, nor can the Ministry ensure that the total amount requested by successful applicants will be granted. The recommendation to fund all or part of an applicant’s request will depend on its alignment with the Partnership Program funding priorities, evaluation criteria and the overall demand for funds in the Program.

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The application evaluation process for the Celebration Program is to include a fair and consistent evaluation of the merit of submissions against the Program guideline Eligibility Requirements; Mandatory Requirements; Acknowledgement, Oversight and Reporting Requirements; and Technical Requirements to ensure that applications meet the Program priorities.

Applications that fail to meet any of the Eligibility Requirements; Mandatory Requirements; and Acknowledgement, Oversight and Reporting Requirements will not be considered. Those that do meet these requirements will be scored based on pre-determined Technical Requirements, and in accordance with the scoring system set out as follows:

Technical Requirements – Evaluation Criteria	% of Score
Description of the Initiative and Plan	15%
Ontario 150th Anniversary Relevance	20%
Community and Target Audience Relevance	20%
Impact of the Initiative (Expected Results and Performance Measures)	25%
Current Financial Position and Budget	10%
Risk Management and Evaluation Plan	10%
TOTAL	100%

Celebration Program applicants must be mindful of the following:

- All initiatives must align with at least one of the Ontario150 priorities.
- Applications will be evaluated on the basis of how well their initiative is anticipated to achieve expected outcomes. Applicants must define measurable and relevant performance metrics.

Mandatory Ministry-provided performance metrics must be tracked and reported:

- # of attendees (participants and spectators)
- # of volunteers recruited
- # of diverse groups reached/engaged (youth, Indigenous, Francophone, LGBTQ, older adults and seniors, multicultural communities and persons with disabilities)
- # of partnerships developed
- % of Ontario talent/content involved

After careful review of the various Programs' funding selection criteria, staff have identified recommended projects for Council's endorsement under the respective Ontario 150 funding programs as:

- Capital                      Ancaster Aquatic Centre Renovation
- Celebration                Hamilton Celebrates Sesqui  
Through Young Eyes

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Table 2 in this report provides a summary of these recommended projects. Details are provided in Appendix “A” to Report FCS16066 and Appendix “B” to Report FCS16066.

## **ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION**

Not Applicable.

## **ALIGNMENT TO THE 2016 – 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN**

### **Strategic Priority #1**

A Prosperous & Healthy Community

*WE enhance our image, economy and well-being by demonstrating that Hamilton is a great place to live, work, play and learn.*

#### **Strategic Objective**

- 1.2 Continue to prioritize capital infrastructure projects to support managed growth and optimize community benefit.
- 1.5 Support the development and implementation of neighbourhood and City wide strategies that will improve the health and well-being of residents.

### **Strategic Priority #2**

Valued & Sustainable Services

*WE deliver high quality services that meet citizen needs and expectations, in a cost effective and responsible manner.*

#### **Strategic Objective**

- 2.3 Enhance customer service satisfaction.

### **Strategic Priority #3**

Leadership & Governance

*WE work together to ensure we are a government that is respectful towards each other and that the community has confidence and trust in.*

#### **Strategic Objective**

- 3.1 Engage in a range of inter-governmental relations (IGR) work that will advance partnerships and projects that benefit the City of Hamilton.

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**APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED**

Appendix “A” to Report FCS16066: Ontario150 Community Capital Program – City of Hamilton Application

Appendix “B” to Report FCS16066: Ontario150 Community Celebration Program – City of Hamilton Application One and Two

Appendix “C” to Report FCS16066: Ontario150 Community Capital Program Ontario Trillium Foundation Project Assessment Criteria

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