

CANADA 150

Our Communities:

At the Heart of Celebrations for the 150th Anniversary of Confederation in 2017

June 2nd, 2017

Kyle Peterson, Member of Parliament for Newmarket-Aurora, announced today funding of \$20,000 to the Town of Aurora for their community project *Canada 150 Celebration - Aurora Style*. MP Peterson made this announcement on behalf of the Honourable Mélanie Joly, Minister of Canadian Heritage.

Thanks to this support, provided by the Government of Canada through the Canada 150 Fund, the Town of Aurora will host a series of events that are free of charge for the community across the sesquicentennial year. The first New Beginnings Pow Wow to be held in Aurora on June 3, 2017, an inaugural event that will lead efforts of education and Reconciliation with our Indigenous communities.

To make 2017 a year that all Canadians will remember, the Government of Canada has invested in local, regional and Canada-wide projects. Canada 150 is the perfect time to highlight what makes communities all across the country so unique, diverse and vibrant.

Quotes

“In 2017, Canada celebrates the 150th anniversary of Confederation. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate all that it means to be Canadian. Our government has created opportunities for Canadians to participate in local, regional, and national celebrations. Communities across the country are proudly taking part in the festivities throughout the year to mark this significant anniversary in Canada’s history. Join the celebrations taking place in your community!” —The Honourable Mélanie Joly, Minister of Canadian Heritage

“I am proud to see our government invest in our community as we celebrate Canada’s 150th Anniversary of Confederation. I am proud our community will join together this weekend for the 1st New Beginnings Pow-Wow in Aurora providing an opportunity to learn, understand and celebrate one another.” – Kyle Peterson, Member of Parliament for Newmarket-Aurora

“We are truly grateful for the funding from Heritage Canada for the New Beginnings POW WOW in Aurora. This event helps our community to celebrate Canada’s Indigenous people and the many diverse cultures, traditions and languages that make Canada a wonderful place to call home.” - Mayor Geoffrey Dawe, Town of Aurora



Quick Facts

- The Government of Canada's vision for the 150th anniversary of Confederation includes four major themes: diversity and inclusiveness, the environment, young people and reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.
- The Canada 150 Fund, established in April 2015, has an overall budget of \$200 million.
- Through this Fund, the Government of Canada invests strategically in activities that support the 150th anniversary vision and promote the direct involvement of Canadians.

Associated Links

[Canada 150](#)

www.aurora.ca

For more information (media only), please contact:

Sarah Campbell

Office of Kyle Peterson, MP

Newmarket-Aurora

Tel: 905-953-7515

Kyle.Peterson.C1@parl.gc.ca