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New Community Fund for Canada's 150th builds community, inspires understanding, and encourages participation for the sesquicentennial

(Ottawa, ON) March 14, 2016 – A new collaboration for Canada's 150th anniversary of Confederation is bringing people and places together to build community and activate a groundswell of local initiatives, activities, and events.

The Community Fund for Canada's 150th is a collaboration led by Community Foundations of Canada and the national network of 191 community foundations, with the support of the Government of Canada and leaders from coast to coast to coast.

The Fund will engage Canadians from all walks of life in a wide range of local projects that build community, inspire a deeper understanding of Canada, and encourage participation in a wide range of initiatives that mark Canada's 150th anniversary of Confederation. The Fund will be responsive to local priorities and will be accessible to all Canadians, including indigenous peoples, youth, groups that reflect our cultural diversity, and official language minority groups.

"Canada's 150th is an historic moment with the power to strengthen our communities and our connection to one another. Through the leadership of participating community foundations, the Community Fund for Canada's 150th will spark thousands of initiatives and activities that bring out the best that Canada has to offer," said Ian Bird, President of Community Foundations of Canada. "The Fund will encourage all Canadians to contribute to their communities in a way that fosters a greater sense of belonging, inclusion, and reconciliation, leaving a lasting legacy now and for future generations."

The Westshore Community Foundation, along with Community Foundations of Canada, and the Government of Canada will be granting a total of \$10,000.00 towards eligible projects celebrating Canada's 150th Birthday. The grants must be for projects within the Westshore Community

Foundation boundaries, which are along the western shores of Lake Winnipeg from Dunnottar in the south to Hecla Island in the north.

Canada's 150th birthday is a time to showcase our heritage, our cultural diversity, youth, families, and our national pride. This is the time to put those plans into action, and create a project that will showcase Canada's birthday, it's people, and our communities.

Eric Stefanson, granting chair of the Westshore Community Foundation, is very pleased to be a part of this great initiative, and is looking forward to some creative and interesting project applications. This is your chance to get some seed money to get that project started, and help celebrate a great moment in our countries history.

The Westshore Community Foundation will be accepting grant applications from September 1st, 2016 thru Oct 15th, 2016. Full details and video's explaining the program and project applications are available on the Westshore Community Foundation website www.westshorefoundation.com or www.communityfoundations.ca/CFC150.

About Community Foundations of Canada

Community Foundations of Canada is the national network for Canada's 191 community foundations. Together we help Canadians invest in building strong and resilient places to live, work and play. Learn more at communityfoundations.ca.



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