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Building a Legacy for Manitoba

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On Manitoba Day - May 12 - what better way to shine a light on our spectacular province than by celebrating Build 150's 240+ bricks-and-mortar legacy projects? Manitoba 150 is delighted to announce more than 240 legacy projects across the province made possible with \$2.5 million in funding through BUILD 150 with support from James Richardson & Sons, Limited and Affiliated Companies and Manitoba's 55 community foundations.

"Build 150 celebrates our province, leaves legacies for the future, and showcases our province's history, beauty, people and culture. Communities came together to identify projects that would enhance accessibility and sustainability, extend the life of existing facilities and add value. Build 150 is not just about the bricks-and-mortar projects. It's about the vision of the people and bringing those dreams to reality. Manitobans just keep impressing us with their ideas and their desire to make their communities better!" said Monique LaCoste and Stuart Murray, Co-Chairs of Manitoba 150.

These 240 projects will leave a lasting legacy in their community. These projects will enhance the lives of Manitobans long into the future with greater accessibility, opportunities for storytelling, and spaces to come together.

"The legacy of our Manitoba 150 celebration continues to evolve and our communities will forever remember the effort and the togetherness this celebration has created," said Cathy Cox, Minister of Sport Culture and Heritage. "There have been challenges, but we did what Manitobans have always done and that is rise up, meet the challenge and make this province better for the generations that will follow."

These projects, ranging across Manitoba's diverse communities, received a portion of \$2.5 million in funding provided through Build 150, with support from James Richardson & Sons, Limited and Affiliated Companies.

"We applaud the success of the Build 150 program and we are delighted that so many Manitobans embraced this unique opportunity to add greater value to their home communities," said Hartley

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Richardson, President & Chief Executive Officer of James Richardson & Sons, Limited. “As the premier partner of Build150, we were pleased to provide matching funds for the 240 legacy projects that will surely enhance these growing communities and enrich the lives of Manitobans for many years to come.”

With the support of Endow Manitoba, the province’s 55 community foundations provided matching funds to develop made-in-Manitoba spaces ranging from new playgrounds and public art to sports equipment and gardens.

“Community foundations play a vital role in supporting local community needs, and with 56 community foundations spread across our province, most Manitobans have access to a community foundation. The Build 150 partnership strengthened relationships between community foundations and local initiatives, creating important legacy projects which citizens are proud of. Community foundations not only provided local expertise, but they also stretched all grants – meaning communities received at least twice the funding. Many of the legacy projects supported community health and well-being with grants for green spaces, recreational activities and facilities, and more – all especially vital due to the pandemic,” said Alan Goddard, Director of Endow Manitoba, an initiative of The Winnipeg Foundation.

“Just as Honour 150 gave Manitoba 150 the opportunity to showcase our province’s amazing people and Tour 150 is allowing us to bring beauty and cultural understanding across the province, Build 150 shines a light on the astounding sense of pride that communities demonstrate time and again with the goal of improving their communities now and for the future,” said LaCoste and Murray.

We invite you to explore these projects online and then visit and enjoy them in person.

Quick Facts - Regional projects at a Glance

Interlake Region: The Lundar Personal Care Home will purchase a trishaw bicycle to allow seniors to be more engaged in their community, to reduce isolation, loneliness, depression and to encourage emotional wellness. Other projects include: a bookmobile, tree plantings, gymnastic equipment, HVAC, art installations, painting the SS Keenora, and many others!

Northern Region: The City of Thompson will enjoy the complete refurbishment of a park, including playground equipment and walkways. And in Flin Flon, watch for Flinty to receive a makeover!

North Central Region: Lakeview Children’s Centre’s Little Gardeners program will purchase planting boxes, seeds, and equipment for the day care children to learn how to garden and enjoy the fresh produce that they grow while in Portage la Prairie, the Island Duck Pond and the Delta Beach Marina will be updated. Other enhancements include playgrounds, equipment, a greenhouse, trees, and even a dog park in MacGregor.

Parkland Region: Among a variety of initiatives for children across the Parkland region, one project will see the Dauphin Public Library create an enchanted forest feel to the children’s area. Vibrant grass green flooring will be installed and an artist will create a tree of life on the feature wall. Existing furniture will be re-purposed by the artist to complement the design, and new windows will flood the space with natural light. Additional projects include a new multi-use path, reparation of the historic church at Mafeking, new sound systems, new roofs, a new GPS system for the Russell airport, and more.

South Central Region: Projects include a baseball diamond, a skate park, and the Carman Memorial Hospital will be able to purchase a new examination table, ensuring patients are provided with better comfort and added safety. A variety of outdoor spaces will enjoy new trees, shade sails, equipment, and many other upgrades.

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Southeast Region: A variety of equipment upgrades, a play structure, and electrical upgrades are some of the physical projects, but legacy takes many forms. As well, a short film depicting the unique history and culture of Steinbach and its endurance to remain influential in the present will be screened.

Southwest Region: The Brandon Riverbank Centre will build an accessible playground with equipment for children of all abilities. In Carberry, a Fire Hall Training Facility will be built, while other regional initiatives run the gamut from recreational initiatives to environment enhancement to creation of an entire campground!

Winnipeg and Provincial: Permanent exhibitions at the Musée du patrimoine de la Rivière Rouge will describe the flora & fauna, geology, archeology and raison d'être of the Winnipeg River region on an interactive screen with relevant artifacts in the display showcase. With specific funding through Francofonds for initiatives from Manitoba's Francophonie, a new skating rink, a bicycle trail, a quay and launching ramp, and other initiatives will be funded. As well, Assiniboine Park Zoo, The Forks, Winnipeg Harvest and Ace Art Inc. have received funds for projects.

About the Manitoba 150 Host Committee

The year 2020 marks 150 years since Manitoba became Canada's fifth province, the only province to enter Confederation under Indigenous leadership. The Manitoba 150 Host Committee Inc. (Manitoba 150) is an independent, not-for-profit organization overseeing commemorative activities in celebration of our province, its beauty, people, culture, and history throughout 2020.

Manitoba 150 supports initiatives and events that cultivate pride in our province, foster a profound connection with our diverse cultures and, above all, unite us in celebration.

Additional information on Manitoba 150 can be found at www.Manitoba150.com.

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