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MP Caesar-Chavannes Announces \$589,163 for Oshawa Mary Street YMCA Centre Upgrades

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Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario
(FedDev Ontario)

MP, Celina Caesar-Chavannes, Member of Parliament for Whitby, on behalf of the Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development and Minister responsible for [FedDev Ontario](#), today announced that the YMCA of Greater Toronto will receive funding for the Rehabilitation of Durham YMCA Health and Fitness Centre through the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program.

With the addition of \$44.4 million in supplementary funding announced in Budget 2016, the total CIP 150 allocation for southern Ontario, being delivered by FedDev Ontario, is up to \$88.8 million. Over 730 projects have been approved under both intakes.

FedDev approved up to \$589,163 for a total project cost of up to \$1,785,343 for upgrades to Durham YMCA Health and Fitness Centre. This investment will help to improve accessibility, public spaces, and energy efficiency. Improvements include new accessible doors, accessible washrooms, ramps, handrails, accessible signage, as well as, reducing the size of the overall of the office administration area and converting the previous administration areas into multipurpose rooms.

This announcement is one of over 350 approved through [Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program \(CIP 150\)](#) under the program's second intake, which will enhance and preserve community spaces across southern Ontario. These projects will allow Canadians to enjoy upgraded community facilities such as parks, trails, cultural and community centres. They will also help to create a lasting legacy as Canada prepares to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Confederation in 2017.

Quotes

"The Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program will preserve and improve our community infrastructure, so that Canadians and their families can enjoy moments of culture, sport, recreation and leisure for years to come. I am proud to see the City of Oshawa benefit from this program."

- MP Celina Caesar- Chavannes, Whitby

"The YMCA is committed to providing inclusive spaces where everyone has the opportunity to get active, participate in community programs and feel a connection to the support they need to thrive. Our thanks to the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program that is helping us improve accessibility, reduce energy use, and renew spaces at our Oshawa YMCA. This will have a lasting impact for the thousands of children, youth and adults who access our centre every day."

- Medhat Mahdy, President and CEO, YMCA of Greater Toronto

Quick Facts

- The Oshawa Mary Street YMCA Centre opened in 2000
- The funding will help improve accessibility, public spaces, and energy efficiency
- FedDev Ontario received more than 1,000 applications under Intake Two of the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program.
- Over the coming weeks, local announcements for projects approved through intake two of the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program in southern Ontario will be taking place.
- The Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program is a \$300-million national program, which is being delivered by regional development agencies across the country.
- Projects were selected based on eligibility requirements and selection criteria as outlined in the program guidelines including: project readiness; project scope; funding leveraged from other sources; and the extent to which projects supported a clean growth economy.



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