

## Feds provide \$99,000 for Peel art gallery and museum

Region of Peel families from Caledon, Brampton and Mississauga will benefit from improved community spaces for better accessibility to arts and heritage.

That will result from \$99,000 from the federal government for a much needed retrofit to two of the main elevators at the Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives (PAMA).

The funding was announced recently by Brampton South MP Sonia Sidhu on behalf of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Minister Navdeep Bains, minister responsible for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario).

This investment is being allocated under the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program, a \$300-million fund that was established to celebrate Canada's 150th birthday through investments in the community spaces that bring Canadians together. Of that amount, FedDev Ontario is delivering funding of up to \$88.8 million across southern Ontario.

"This investment is a community-building project to celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary," Bains said. "And there's no better way to mark this milestone than to celebrate the places that bring us together – the places that allow us to stay fit, unwind and connect with our friends and neighbours."

"That's how we establish the bonds of common understanding and friendship in a country where people come from every corner of the world," Bains added. "The values of openness, diversity and inclusion that define all Canadians are forged in our community spaces."

PAMA officials hope the funding will make the facility's arts and heritage spaces more accessible.

"PAMA's historic Court House and historic Jail opened in 1867, and celebrate their 150th anniversary in 2017," PAMA Manager Marty Brent observed. "This year, our Canada 150 celebrations included a range of exhibits, events, workshops and programs, collaboratively developed with community partners, which celebrate our community's history and diversity. Inclusivity is our central theme, characterizing Canada today. The elevator project ensures accessibility to all PAMA spaces."