



Colin Carrie MP Oshawa

Investing in a Cultural Space in Oshawa

Government of Canada provides funding to the Robert McLaughlin Gallery

Oshawa, ON, February 20, 2014 – Dr. Colin Carrie, Member of Parliament for Oshawa and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of the Environment, announced funding today on behalf of Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages Shelly Glover for the Robert McLaughlin Gallery. The Government of Canada provided \$385,000 in funding through the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund

“We are pleased to provide funding for the Robert McLaughlin Gallery, an important cultural space in our community that hosts a significant collection of modern and contemporary art,” stated Colin Carrie.

The funding will support the creation of new multi-use, archive/collection, and outreach spaces, as well as the reconfiguration of the Gallery’s main lobby, which will become fully accessible. The Robert McLaughlin Gallery (RMG), designed by renowned Canadian architect Arthur Erikson, is the largest public art gallery between Toronto and Kingston. It features a permanent collection of over 4,000 works and attracts more than 24,000 visitors a year. The RMG holds a significant collection of modern and contemporary art, including the largest collection of works by the movement Painters Eleven in the country.

“Our Government is proud to increase the access for Canadians to cultural spaces like the Robert McLaughlin Gallery by improving the physical conditions through the reconfiguration and upgrades of their facilities,” Minister Glover.

“The Canada Cultural Spaces Fund is a critical resource to foster access to the arts for all Canadian communities,” stated Gabrielle Peacock, Chief Executive Officer, Robert McLaughlin Gallery. “This grant, matched with a generous gift from our Aked Endowment, provides the RMG with the ability to re-imagine existing spaces and deliver educational and exhibition programs in new and relevant ways. The project emphasizes accessibility, a dynamic learning centre, and an incubator for emerging regional artists. We are grateful to the Department of Canadian Heritage for their support of our initiatives and vision.”

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