

Canada 150 infrastructure funding

The Town has received notice from the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario that up to \$78,000 in funding has been approved for a streetlight replacement program in the Princess Anne Drive area.

The Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program is being delivered by regional development agencies across the country to celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary of Confederation in 2017. The program supports the renovation, expansion and improvement

of existing community and cultural infrastructure, including projects that support the Government's priorities to provide a better future for indigenous peoples and promote a clean growth economy.

The streetlight replacement project within the

Princess Anne Drive area is a joint project between Halton Hills Hydro and the Town of Halton Hills. Halton Hills Hydro is currently upgrading their system by replacing transformers to proactively manage aging assets to provide a reliable electrical system. As part of this work, new underground cabling, streetlight poles,

pad mounted transformers and LED luminaries will be installed within the surrounding area. It is anticipated that this work will be fully completed by fall 2017.

"It's wonderful to receive federal funding for a portion of this project. We are proud to be implementing this green technology to

reduce overall energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions," said Mayor Rick Bonnette.

This project aligns with the Town's Strategic Plan's "Top Eight" Priorities under Sustainability and also with the Mayor's Community Energy Plan and the Community Sustainability Strategy.

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Exhibit shows history of Canadian missionaries in China



By: Les Schmidt

The Town of Halton Hills held the official opening of the Canadians in Chengdu Exhibit, Saturday afternoon at the John Elliot Theatre in Georgetown.

Mayor Bonnette said the exhibit "is a fascinating and poignant visual history of Canadian missionaries who lived in

China between 1892 and 1952; this exhibit is a gift to Canadians from Chinese historians, artists, and corporate donors... These missionaries contributed to medical and educational modernization in China." The Mayor further commented that, "The Sister City for the Town of Halton Hills is Wenjiang, one of nine districts located in the

city of Chengdu. This exhibit is the first of a series of exciting events planned for 2017 that will honour and celebrate our unique partnership."

Opening remarks were made by Mayor Rick Bonnette. Honoured Speakers included a representative from the Chinese Consulate in Toronto, Marion Walker, and Kevin Best, all of

whom hold close connections to China, and to the creation of this Exhibit.

After the remarks, attendees were invited to view the photographic exhibit which is housed at the Helson Gallery. Pianist Philip John Lewin helped set a contemplative mood.

The Exhibit will be at the Gallery until February 26.



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