

Art Gallery of Hamilton (AGH) celebrates Cultural Spaces funding announcement from the Government of Canada

Funding will support the first stage of the Gallery's major revitalization plans



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The Government of Canada today announced \$950,000 in funding for the Art Gallery of Hamilton (AGH) from the Department of Canadian Heritage Cultural Spaces Fund.

Member of Parliament Lisa Hepfner (Hamilton Mountain) Chair of the Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage made the announcement and was joined by her colleagues Aslam Rana (Hamilton Centre) and John-Paul Danko (Hamilton West-Ancaster-Dundas). Mayor Andrea Horwath joined Federal representatives for the announcement.

“This funding launches the first phase of a major expansion for the AGH, focusing on the procurement of an architectural firm that will generate schematic drawings. Our plans will include a new main entrance on Main Street, as well as the creation of a new gallery dedicated to capturing Hamilton’s important history as one of Canada’s leading industrial centres,” said Shelley Falconer President and CEO Art Gallery of Hamilton.

Founded in 1914, the Art Gallery of Hamilton is the oldest and largest art museum in the region with a permanent collection that is recognized as one of the finest in Canada. Embracing Canadian historical, international, and contemporary art, the collection consists of more than 10,000 works.

Throughout its history, the AGH has been an important anchor in Hamilton and region’s cultural ecosystem, contributing immeasurably to both the cultural and economic vitality of the province – particularly as the region has emerged as a major centre for research, commercialization, and investment.

“A renewed AGH will play an important role in the revitalization of Hamilton’s downtown. We look forward to bring our collective vision to life as the first step to providing a vibrant and welcoming space where residents and visitors can enjoy one of Canada’s leading collections of Canadian art,” said Falconer.

Falconer also confirmed that the Gallery is exploring, with City Housing Hamilton, the opportunity to add housing to a renewed AGH. “We are excited at the opportunity to include housing in the Gallery’s plans, inclusive of affordable housing that supports the creative industries and workforce. This made-in-Hamilton solution would be a first of its kind in Canada,” Falconer noted.

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