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Access4All



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**Manotick announces Rick Hansen Foundation Access4All Barrier Buster project; Access to Manotick's Remembrance Park to contribute to a more inclusive and accessible Canada.**

February 27, 2017 – The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 314 Manotick and the Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation announced today the receiving of a \$30,000 funding grant through the Rick Hansen Foundation's Access4All Program, a Canada 150 Signature Initiative aimed at breaking down barriers for people living with disabilities. With the participation of the Government of Canada, this grant will support the community of Manotick "Barrier Buster" Project, *Access to Manotick's Remembrance Park*.

"With support from the Government of Canada and the Rick Hansen Foundation, we want to help ensure that every individual has the opportunity to realize their full potential, and it begins with creating inclusive and accessible communities across our nation," said Gary White, President of the Manotick Legion. "We are proud to be part of the Canada 150 Access4All program, and our new Remembrance Park will play an important role in building a world without barriers. We would like to thank our community and participating organizations, for their ongoing support in realizing this vision."

This joint project was created with the help of the Remembrance Park Organizing Committee and the City of Ottawa. "This is a perfect example of local organizations coming together to create something wonderful – a place of solitude and remembrance of those who keep our country safe and proud", said City of Ottawa Councillor and Committee member, Scott Moffatt.

"The Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation builds partnerships and seeks new individuals, corporations and groups wanting to get involved in the vital work of taking care of our own natural environments, said Jason Kelly, Chair of the Foundation. "The Foundation is please to assist the Manotick Legion in the creation of this accessible Park and wonderful addition to Dickinson Square."

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Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> is an opportunity to celebrate the values of our great country with pride: values such as inclusion, diversity, compassion and access for everyone. As we celebrate these values, it's also important that we create lasting impact. **Together, we can create an accessible Canada and leave a lasting legacy for our country's 150<sup>th</sup>.** For more information on the Canada 150 Signature initiative, please visit: <http://canada.pch.gc.ca/eng/1468262573081>