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Benjamin Moore goes national with Community Restoration Program

***Cash and material grants support community and heritage
groups across Canada.***

Stratford, Ontario, September 12th 2007 – Representatives of Community Foundations of Canada (CFC) and of Benjamin Moore released details of eleven Restoration Grants to communities in Ontario for the year 2007, and announced that thanks to an additional \$100,000 commitment from Benjamin Moore, the program will be extended to all of Canada in 2008.

“Our association with Community Foundations of Canada dates back to 1998,” said Helen Mullett, Brand Marketing Manager for Benjamin Moore in Canada. “Since then the Benjamin Moore Community Restoration Program has made over 100 grants in 67 communities – a total of \$375,000 in financial assistance and over \$86,000 in free paint and materials. Following a very successful year in Ontario, I am happy to announce that in 2008 the program will be extended to targeted communities in all regions of Canada.”

In presenting the grants for 2007, Vincenza Travale, Chair of the Board of CFC, thanked Benjamin Moore for its ongoing commitment to the community foundation movement. “The Benjamin Moore Community Restoration Program provides community groups with the materials and the expertise necessary to refurbish buildings and facilities of historical and human interest” she said. “The expansion of the program, which includes \$25,000 to support the CFC in administering the program, is great news for communities across the country.”

Ontario grants for 2007

The eleven grants, totaling \$22,500 with an additional \$6,200 in free paint, were awarded to communities in and around North Bay, Brampton, Oakville, and Stratford.

“The year 2007 marks the 40th anniversary for Gallery Stratford as the region's public gallery. Situated in the idyllic setting of the Stratford park system, there isn't a prettier public art gallery in Ontario,” said Jennifer Rudder, Executive Director of Gallery Stratford. “The Queen Anne Style building was designed by George F. Durand and John M. Moore in 1883 as the city's water pumping station. The residents of Stratford look forward to the fresh new look provided by Benjamin Moore's expertise in historic colours and high quality paint.”

“This program is enthusiastically supported by our retailers,” said Mullett. “It enables them to make a positive difference in their communities by sharing something that we are passionate about – our expertise and our product – with people who are equally passionate about the community and its heritage.”

Applications for 2008 program

The application process for the 2008 Benjamin Moore Community Restoration Program will begin in October 2007. For information regarding the communities that will be targeted next year and

details of the application process please visit the CFC website at www.cfc-fcc.ca/newsroom.

The Benjamin Moore Community Restoration Program was developed in partnership with Community Foundations of Canada, the national membership organization for Canada’s more than 155 community foundations.

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2007 Benjamin Moore Community Restoration Program

Grant Recipient	Phone	Contact	Project	Benjamin Moore Retailer	Grant
STRATFORD AREA					
Perth County Historical Foundation (Shakespeare, Ont.)	519-625-8072	Ms. Sharon Louttit	Fryfogel Tavern is an 1844 inn east of Shakespeare, Ont. Used for school educational events (baking, quilting, surveying and road building, archery etc.), artists' workshops for public, Stratford-Perth-St. Mary's Doors Open etc. Restoring the windows, door frames, two interior murals. Have matching funds from Ontario Heritage Trust, and student federal and provincial grants.	Riverbank Interiors Bruce & Jane Shorney Tel:(519) 632-7422	Grant for mural restoration: \$2,500 (no paint -- already purchased)
Gallery Stratford	519-271-5271	Ms. Jennifer Rudder	Gallery is in restored pump house building from 1883 by architect George F. Durand. Near Festival Theatre. Civic art gallery since 1967. Exterior painting and signage facing Festival Theatre.	Classic Colour Bob Shrubbsall Tel: (519) 271-8182	Grant of \$800 and \$750 in paint

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YMCA of Stratford-Perth	519-271-0480	Ms. Mimi Price	Stratford Youth Centre for youth aged 12-18. Drop-in with recreation, social supports and referrals for at-risk youth. 10,000 visits last year. Project: paint the interior, update fixtures and furniture etc.	See above	Grant of \$2,000 and \$500 in paint
The St. Marys Museum	519-284-3556	Ms. Jennifer Leslie	1854 stone Tracy House is the home of the museum. New archival wing added in 2006. Refreshing original grand entrance, paint, plaster, floors, stairs with 19th century colours. Partnering with the Kinettes.	W. F. Douglas Interiors Carrie Sharp Tel:(519) 284-3740	Grant of \$1,500 and \$700 in paint
Knollcrest Lodge (Milverton, Ont.)	519-595-8121 x22	Ms. Susan Rae	Knollcrest Lodge is a 78-bed non-profit Long-Term Care Home serving Perth County. Also has local medical centre and outreach. Major capital project and retrofit of resident rooms underway. Beautify common areas – main façade and entranceway, activity room, offices.	Interior Expectations Dave Rohfritsch Tel:(519) 348-9300	Grant of \$2,100 and \$600 in paint
BRAMPTON					

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Peel Heritage Complex	905-791-4055 x3632	Mr. David Somers	Repaint Council Chamber in 1866 Historic Peel County Courthouse. False ceiling removed in 2006. Roof fixed, but evidence of water damage, needs to be repainted. Used as office space for Region of Peel, public meeting and rental space.	Harmsworth Decorating Centre James Harmsworth Tel: (905) 451-0174	Grant of \$2,500 and \$750 paint
OAKVILLE					
The Bronte Historical Society and Trafalgar Township Historical Society	905-825-5552	Ms. Carol Sanders	Joint project to restore and refresh both headquarters. Bronte's is 160-year-old Sovereign House. Trafalgar's is 1924 Palermo Schoolhouse. Painting, wood floors etc.	Oakville Paint & Wallpaper, Rosario Posca, Bob West Tel: (905) 469-9821	Grant of \$5,400 and \$750 paint
NORTH BAY AREA					

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Village of South River - Heritage Improvement and Preservation Society	705-386-2938	Councillor Jeffrey Dickerson	South River is half-hour south of North Bay. Restoring 1884 South River Grand Trunk Railway Station, the oldest in Northern Ontario. Project to paint and restore the interior, including waiting room, ticket room, baggage room to original colours, reconstruct windows.	Dorset Building Centre Chantal Hamilton Tel:(705) 766-2263	Grant of \$2,500 and \$400 paint
Gurd and Area Historical Corporation (Commanda, Ont.)	705-729-5174	Ms. Roberta O'Quinn Manager	Preserving the 1870s Victorian General Store, operating as a museum since 1970s. Roof and foundation are done. Scrape and paint exterior to heritage colour.	Trout Lake Paint & Wallpaper Paul & Joanne Stewart Tel: (705) 495-6075	Grant of \$2,000 and \$700 paint
Nipissing Township Museum	705-724-2144	Councillor Leslee Straus	Opened in 1975 to commemorate the 100 th anniversary of the Nipissing-Rosseau colonization road. First museum in the area. Former church made of hand-hewn logs built in 1882. Stain outside and paint trim. Volunteers will do the work.	See above	No cash grant; \$400 in stain/paint

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Heritage House/Strong Agricultural Society (Sundridge, Ont.)	705-384-5450	Ms. Karen Johnstone	Celebrating 125 th Anniversary in 2009. Want to restore building on Fair Grounds built in 1903. Needs exterior painting, soffit and fascia.	Dorset Building Centre See above	Grant of \$1,200 and \$700 paint

