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## Canada 150 Mural Mosaic Project Coming to Abbotsford

**ABBOTSFORD – March 30, 2016** – The City of Abbotsford is excited to invite residents of all ages to participate in the Canada 150 Mural Mosaic Project to celebrate Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday, announced Mayor Henry Braun today.

The Mural Mosaic project will create a national mural that includes over 80,000 paintings and 150 individual murals from all provinces and territories. All the artwork will be joined together to form one massive virtual mural mosaic. Abbotsford residents will be able to paint approximately 400 of the mosaic tiles at various events from May to July, to represent Abbotsford.

"We are very excited to be a part of this great project commemorating our nation's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday," said Mayor Henry Braun. "This is a great opportunity for Abbotsford residents to come together and create a piece of public art that represents our unique community and leaves a lasting legacy for future generations to enjoy."

Opportunities to participate in painting tiles for Abbotsford's mural will be made available to the public through local secondary schools, fine arts programs and the Abbotsford Arts Council. The Reach Gallery Museum will also host tile painting opportunities at their Sunday Family Art and C3-Culture, Coffee, Cookies events, their Summer Camp programs, and during the Abbotsford Canada Day Family Festival at Rotary Stadium on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Artists from Canada 150 Mural Mosaic will be on-site July 21-23, 2016 during the 2016 BC Summer Games to provide public access to paint tiles as per the following schedule:

- July 21 – Public Access to paint tiles
- July 22 – City Council and community dignitaries invited to paint tiles
- July 23 – Tiles will be combined and mounted

Upon completion, the mural will be displayed in the Atrium of the Matsqui Centennial Auditorium to preserve Abbotsford's legacy and commemorate Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday. More information about the project can be found at [www.canada150mosaic.com](http://www.canada150mosaic.com).

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