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The Building Canada Fund is the Government of Canada's flagship infrastructure program. It advances national priorities that are important to all Canadians—a stronger economy, a cleaner environment, and better communities—while addressing local and regional infrastructure needs. The Major Infrastructure Component targets larger, strategic projects of national or regional significance.

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Harper Government Supports the Burlington Performing Arts Centre

BURLINGTON, Ontario, October 23, 2011 – Burlington residents will now have access to professional arts activities in their local community thanks to an investment by the Government of Canada. On behalf of the Honourable James Moore, Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages, Mike Wallace, Member of Parliament (Burlington), congratulated the City of Burlington on the opening of the Burlington Performing Arts Centre (BPAC).

Operated by the Corporation of the City of Burlington, the BPAC is part of a larger strategy for economic revitalization of the former downtown area and is part of a larger cultural strategy for the City. The facility will host professional arts performances for people of all ages and will also offer space for community groups to present dance recitals and music and theatre performances.

“Our Government is proud to invest in high-calibre cultural facilities like the Burlington Performing Arts Centre,” said Minister Moore. “By supporting infrastructure projects like this one, we are stimulating the local economy and providing opportunities for people to connect in their communities through cultural activities.”

“It is a great pleasure to be here today to see the tremendous results of our Government’s investment,” said Mr. Wallace. “The new Centre will provide Burlington residents with a beautiful facility to enjoy the performing arts.”

“We are very proud of The Burlington Performing Arts Centre. It is the product of a committed community and a City Council with vision, passion, and the commitment to make the dream of a performing-arts centre for Burlington a reality,” said Mayor Rick Goldring. “The Government of Canada played a key role in helping fund this outstanding building, delivered on time and on budget to the people of Burlington.”

The Government of Canada contributed \$4 million towards the construction costs of the BPAC:

- \$2.5 million over three years through the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund of the Department of Canadian Heritage
- \$1.5 million towards the eligible project costs, through the Building Canada Fund – Major Infrastructure Component, which is managed by Infrastructure Canada

The Canada Cultural Spaces Fund seeks to improve physical conditions for artistic creativity and arts presentation or exhibition. It is also designed to increase access for Canadians to performing, visual, and media arts and to museum collections and heritage displays.

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