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CANADIAN HERITAGE AWARDS GRANT TO RBG

Burlington, ON – Burlington M.P. Mike Wallace was on hand at Royal Botanical Gardens to officially announce a Canadian Heritage grant awarded to RBG.

The grant, in the sum of \$46,800, is earmarked to help rebuild RBG's aging website. Work on the website is underway, and the new site will be launched in early 2010.

RBG CEO Mark Runciman notes that the grant is both timely and much appreciated: "Over the years, our website has suffered. To be frank, technology has marched forward, leaving our site far behind. We've done our best with what we have, but we've known for a long time that the site needed to be rebuilt. It's one of our best opportunities to connect with visitors, members and potential members."

During the cheque presentation, M.P. Mike Wallace stated, "The government of Canada is pleased to provide assistance to the Royal Botanical Gardens through the Capacity Building Component of the Canadian Arts and Heritage Sustainability Program. This money will allow them to strengthen their website infrastructure and increase the amount of information they provide the public."

One of the new components of the site is that it will have at least two live-streaming web cams. Which means visitors be able to log on and see exactly what the weather is doing and what's happening at RBG in real time. The site will also become a community for like-minded RBG enthusiasts to share information, photos and ideas.

For more information about Royal Botanical Gardens, please visit www.rbg.ca

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Royal Botanical Gardens is a living museum, which serves local, regional and global communities while developing and promoting public understanding of the relationship between the plant world, humanity and the rest of nature.

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