



CANADA 150 MURAL MOSAIC - OLIVER

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Canada 150 Mural Mosaic – Federal Government Recognition Signage

Mayor Ron Hovanes secured the last bolt to the Canada 150 Mural Mosaic recognition sign to officially acknowledge the Government of Canada Heritage Branch.

The Town of Oliver received \$15,000 towards the mural project in celebration of Canada's 150 birthday. This project would not have been possible without the support from the Government of Canada.

The mural was unveiled July 1st at the Pancake Breakfast by Mayor Hovanes, MP Dick Cannings, and participating youth. The mural has now been installed on the east wall of the Archive Building on Main Street Oliver.

The recognition sign outlines the Canada 150 Mural Mosaic project in Oliver and across Canada.

Murals completed by communities all across Canada can be see digitally at canada150mosaic.com/murals.

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Communities in each province and territory across Canada created sections of the overall mural that connects Canada through art. Every participating city or town created a section of the mural made up of individual tiles that symbolize their community.

Each painting is part of a community mural which then becomes part of the Canada 150 National Mosaic Mural. This results in each community's mural virtually connecting to other community murals creating a massive coast-to-coast-to-coast unified mosaic.

Throughout the Country, this equates to a total of 80,000 tiles that will comprise an overall image of train cars connecting Canadians from far and wide!

Oliver's Community Mosaic was completed in May 2017 and is made up of 864 4"x4" tiles painted by community members of all ages. Each tile represents something special about Oliver or Canada to the individual artist.

The conceptual design showcases many key images representing Oliver. Standing central in the mural is McIntyre Bluff (Ny-lin-tin), aka McIntyre Bluff. This iconic cliff north of town is where the Okanagan Valley is at its narrowest. The bluff is not only a unique sight to see but is also rich in Sylix (Okanagan) First Nation history.

Since the town's inception, agriculture has been a key industry. The irrigation canal, that is still used today, is depicted central in the mural. Its sole task is moving water to the area farms, fruit orchards and vineyards, turning the natural dry desert valley into a lush green landscape.

The final key image of the three wine barrels represents the very prevalent wine industry. Oliver heralds as the Wine Capital of Canada with thousands of acres of vineyard and many small and commercial wineries.

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