

### Capreol ready to party

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Marc Serré, Nickel Belt MP, has announced funding of \$43,500 to the Northern Ontario Rail Museum and Heritage Centre for Capreol's upcoming 100th anniversary. Looking on during the announcement is Cody Cacciotti, operations manager at the Northern Ontario Railroad Museum and Heritage Museum.

Nickel Belt MP Marc Serré announced Thursday funding of \$43,500 to the Northern Ontario Rail Museum and Heritage Centre for Capreol's upcoming 100th anniversary. He made the announcement on behalf of the Mélanie Joly, minister of Canadian Heritage.

Thanks to this support, the Northern Ontario Rail Museum and Heritage Centre will be able to provide free entertainment and various activities for the residents and visitors to Capreol during next year's Capreol Days. This contribution will ensure that everyone will have the opportunity to partake in the community's memorable milestone celebrations.

"Community anniversaries are a great opportunity for all of us to come together and celebrate what makes our communities unique, diverse and vibrant," Serré said. "I am proud that our government recognizes the value of Nickel Belt's communities like Capreol, and has committed support to the Northern Ontario Railroad Museum and Heritage Centre as we celebrate Capreol's 100th anniversary. 2018 promises to be a great year. Congratulations to the Northern Ontario Railroad Museum and Heritage Centre, and Capreol."

The town of Capreol was officially incorporated on April 1, 1918, and 2018 will mark its hundredth anniversary. For the occasion a full calendar year of celebratory events and community festivities are scheduled throughout the year, with a special focus on the Capreol Days, being held during the week of July 28 to Aug. 6.

"Capreol has a proud and celebrated history of railroad heritage and a culture of volunteerism that is second to none," Ward 7 Coun. Mike Jakubo, whose ward includes Capreol, said. "This investment by the federal government will allow the Capreol 100 Committee to plan an amazing slate of events and entertainment to commemorate Capreol's first 100 years and be a spark for the success that the next 100 will hold."

The Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage program was created to help local groups and organizations celebrate their community both its past and its present. This program increases opportunities for local artists, artisans, heritage performers or specialists to be involved their community through festivals, events and projects. It also allows local groups to commemorate their local history and heritage. These celebrations are an opportunity for communities to proudly reflect on the rich history and the hard work that was put towards building a strong and inspired future.

"The residents of Capreol and Greater Sudbury take so much pride in the Northern Ontario Railroad Museum and rightfully so. It's inclusive, unique and fun for all ages and in an ever-changing society, it's important to have a place that shares and preserves local heritage and the role that the railway played in building our country," Mayor Brian Bigger added. "I want to thank Marc Serré for securing this funding, which will ensure that the upcoming 100th anniversary of Capreol and Capreol Days is a huge success and I encourage all residents to get excited and get involved in this celebration."

The money was provided by the government of Canada through the community anniversary component of the Building Communities through Arts and Heritage Fund.

"On behalf of the Northern Ontario Railroad Museum and Heritage Centre and the Capreol 100 Committee, I would like to thank the Building Communities through Arts and Heritage Fund for providing a generous contribution towards the town's upcoming centennial celebration in 2018," Cody Cacciotti of the Northern Ontario Rail Museum and Heritage Centre, said. "Capreol may be a small community, but its history is rich and colourful as anywhere else. As a result of this wonderful contribution, we will have the ability to host an incredible centennial year and celebrate Capreol's past, present and future."

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