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Musée des beaux-arts benefits from museum money

By Gordon Lambie

Luc Fortin, member of the national assembly for Sherbrooke and Quebec's Minister of Culture and Communications announced on Friday that the government will be providing \$626,016 to the Musée des Beaux Arts de Sherbrooke over the next three years in support for renovation and upkeep projects. In 2016-17 the museum will receive \$222,600 that will go towards

"The Sherbrooke Fine Arts Museum is an important cultural site in the city of Sherbrooke," Fortin said "Thanks to this support, the museum will be able to improve and maintain its services in the coming years."

Cecile Gelinas, museum director, said that the news is really coming at the right time, as the heritage building is showing definite and concerning signs of its age.

"The museum is in real need of attention," Gelinas, listing work on the roof, the foundations, the masonry and the heating systems as all being among the projects to be funded by the new grant.

Though the money has been committed specifically for current and necessary repair work, Fortin described the funding as a kind of prologue to a long term transformation of the museum, giving a nod to the recent revelation that the MBAS is looking to expand its building in the near future.

"This is a project that I believe in and

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Annual Rock-A-Thon Fundraiser in Mansonville



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Some of the happy faces at the Missisquoi North Youth Centre Rock-a-thon Fundraiser held on November 12 in Mansonville

By Mable Hastings

On Saturday, November 12 the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CAB) Youth Program held its Annual Rock-a-thon fundraiser to raise money to buy a new big screen television for all youth to enjoy at the Youth Centre located at 282 Principale in Mansonville.

Some 20 youth and volunteers came together with rocking chairs in tow and after getting donations, the group rocked for four consecutive hours raising over \$2000.00. The two youngest rockers were Peyton Lee Johnson and Kendra Lacroix-Fortin who are just two years old. Most of the participants were members of the Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) and the For-

mer Youth Involvement (FYI) as well as youth representing the Drop-in youth group.

The continuous creaking of rocking chairs and laughter filled the air as the four hours filled with games and fun quickly passed. Volunteers prepared a lunch for the group with delicious

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