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**MP PIERRE LEMIEUX ANNOUNCES FEDERAL FUNDING FOR
SAINTE EUPHEMIE'S 125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

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Ottawa – MP Pierre Lemieux joins the Honourable Minister James Moore in announcing another financial boost to local heritage and history. The federal government has approved a grant of \$6,900 for the 125th anniversary celebrations of Sainte Euphémie in Casselman, Ont.

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The grant is part of the federal government's continuing partnership with communities to support activities which celebrate Canada's shared history and cultural diversity.

"Our government is proud to support activities that celebrate local history, arts, and heritage," said Minister Moore. "We are committed to building stronger communities and to providing all Canadians with opportunities to get involved in their communities and in celebrating Canadian arts and heritage."

The \$6,900 in funding will assist the anniversary organizing committee with public events including a historical performance, done in collaboration with Felix St-Denis, artistic director of Echo de la Nation, and will consist of more than 200 actors. The performance, called 'De fer et de feu!' promises to highlight the historical influence of the railway on the town's development, three great fires that threatened its safety, and the great faith displayed by members of the community.

"Firstly, this funding will serve to illustrate the most striking moments in our history while honouring our founding families, and second, it will help integrate newcomers to the parish as they become engaged in the history of our community," said Mr. Jacques Laplante, president of the planning committee for Ste Euphémie's 125th anniversary. "We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Heritage Canada for its support."



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Since 2006, Mr. Lemieux has worked to secure more than \$6 million in federal funding for local cultural and heritage groups across Glengarry-Prescott-Russell. Other recipients of federal arts and culture funding in 2011 include the Cumberland Lions Club, the Dalkeith History Club and the Wendover Western Festival.

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