

## News Release

## Federal Funding in Support of TELUS World of Science – Edmonton's Aurora Project

**Edmonton, AB – Wednesday, August 28, 2019** – Today the Honourable Amarjeet Sohi, Minister of Natural Resources and Member of Parliament for Edmonton Mill Woods, alongside Randy Boissonnault, Member of Parliament for Edmonton Centre, and Edmonton City Councillor Bev Esslinger, on behalf of Mayor Don Iveson, announced an additional \$8.65 million in support of the Edmonton Space and Science Foundation.

The investment will support the ambitious Aurora Project, which is a \$40 million dollar expansion and reimagining of the science centre.

"We are thrilled with the Government of Canada's announcement today. It is with the help of partners like the Government of Canada and many others that we can ignite curiosity, inspire discovery, celebrate science and change lives of the people that visit us every day. The reimagining of our facility has already begun with the completion of the S.P.A.C.E. Gallery, Zeidler Dome, CuriousCITY and The Nature Exchange and now we will continue with the development of a fantastic new Arctic Gallery, Health Gallery and more."

Minister Sohi and Mr. Boissonnault made the announcement on behalf of the Honourable Francois-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities.

This support of \$8.65 million is provided by the Community, Culture and Recreation Infrastructure Stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program and is added to a previous investment of \$3.35 million from the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund. The Government of Alberta and City of Edmonton have both made contributions of \$12 million in funding for the design and construction of the Aurora Project. The remaining funds for the initiative are being provided by the Edmonton Space and Science Foundation and private donations.

TELUS World of Science – Edmonton wishes to thank the Government of Canada, Province of Alberta, and City of Edmonton for their continued support of both the science centre and the Aurora project.

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## **About TELUS World of Science Edmonton**

TELUS World of Science – Edmonton's mission is to: Ignite Curiosity. Inspire Discovery. Celebrate Science. Change Lives. We are the destination to engage Albertans' hearts and minds in science. The Edmonton Space & Science Foundation is a non-profit organization that operates TELUS World of Science – Edmonton.