



# PEEL150: CELEBRATING AND EMPOWERING DIVERSE COMMUNITIES

## Call for Submissions: Be Part of the Peel150 Story!

### Mississauga Edition



#### ABOUT RDR:

RDR is a charitable not-for-profit committed to building inclusion and diversity competence that results in the institutionalization of equity in core values, structures, workforce, policies and services of organizations and institutions in Peel region.

#### DISRUPTING THE DIALOGUE:

On July 1, 1867, Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia were unified under the Dominion of Canada, making 2017 the 150th year of confederation, or in other words its Canada's biggest birthday yet. #Canada150 has become a time for the nation to reaffirm and celebrate its national identity within its borders and on the global stage as one that embraces and values multiculturalism even though our past and present is tainted with colonial legacies and discrimination faced by our vulnerable populations. So, how can we move beyond surface level celebrations and affirmations of this national identity? How can we celebrate this remarkable milestone in the context of the Truth and Reconciliation Report and by honouring our indigenous communities? How do we critically challenge mainstream narratives about vulnerable populations? How do we disrupt the way in which Canada's past, present, and future are captured? How do we interject stories of those on the margins into the center? In reflecting on these pertinent questions, RDR wants to disrupt the #Canada150 dialogue by exploring what the past 150 years and future 150 years may mean to diverse communities in Peel region. By doing so we aim to highlight a diverse historical and future narrative of Peel region so that we can inspire diverse communities to work together in creating a vibrant, healthy, and inclusive region. Moreover, to ensure that celebrations of Canada150 include stories from diverse communities.

Our **Peel150: Celebrating and Empowering Diverse Communities** project will collect and document the contributions of diverse communities to shaping Peel over the past 150 years into the thriving region we know today. Stories will be collected from individuals and organizations and shared with the broader community in the form of written and multimedia vignettes. The vignettes will be launched at our Peel150 Symposium in November 2017 where the community will have an opportunity to engage in a dialogue about how they envision their role in shaping the future of Peel over the next 150 years. Currently we have received funding from the Community Foundation of Mississauga to collect stories that have shaped Mississauga and the Ontario Ministry of Culture, Tourism, and Sport Ontario150 Community Celebration Grant to hold the Peel150 Symposium.

#### WHAT IS YOUR STORY?

**Are you or do you know a community member or organization from a diverse community that has helped shape and build any aspect of Mississauga?**

**What was your/their contribution? How did it impact Mississauga?**

**Do you want to have your/their contribution documented and celebrated with the broader community?**

If you answered yes to any of these questions then share your contribution with us and be part of the Peel150 Story! We are seeking stories spanning across but not limited to the following streams: *arts & culture, advocacy, community organizing, economic, education & research, health, law & justice, politics, social & religious, volunteerism*. Stories can be captured and showcased through a variety of methods, including but not limited to: *artifacts, audio, blogs, illustrations, installations, interviews, paintings, photographs, poems, short films, and short essays*. We encourage contributions in different languages and methods as well. If you experience any barriers in submitting your story through the online submission form please contact RDR for assistance.

#### Eligibility:

- (1) contribution is based in Mississauga;
  - (2) contribution is connected to a Peel based diverse community
  - (3) someone part of the submission is available to attend the Peel150 Symposium in November 2017
- Submissions will be selected by Peel150 Review Committee.

#### How to Submit:

- (1) Complete online submission form: <http://regionaldiversityroundtable.org/?q=peel150>
- (2) E-mail any accompanying documents to [chair@regionaldiversityroundtable.org](mailto:chair@regionaldiversityroundtable.org)

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**Deadline: April 17, 2017 midnight.**

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