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**NEWS RELEASE**  
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## **INSTITUTE FOR CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP'S CULTURAL ACCESS PASS LAUNCHES IN HAMILTON-NIAGARA REGION MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES ON OCT. 20**

**Hamilton, ON** - The Institute for Canadian Citizenship announces the expansion of its Cultural Access Pass program to galleries and museums in the Hamilton-Niagara region. Starting Oct. 20, new citizens will be eligible for free admission to 27 cultural institutions for a full year from the date they are sworn in as Canadians. A presentation and offer of the Cultural Access Pass will be made to the new citizens being sworn in at a community citizenship ceremony on Oct. 20 at Fennell Campus Mohawk College (135 Fennell Avenue West) at noon. A full list of the galleries and museums is attached. For further information on the Cultural Access Pass, visit [www.culturalaccesspass.ca](http://www.culturalaccesspass.ca).

"It's absolutely wonderful to be working in partnership with 27 museums and galleries in the Hamilton-Niagara region," said Gillian Hewitt Smith, Executive Director and CEO of the Institute for Canadian Citizenship, who will be attending the ceremony on Oct. 20. "I'm looking forward to the presentation at Mohawk College and welcoming new citizens to the ceremony."

There are now more than 100 museums and galleries across Canada participating in CAP. Twenty-six museums and galleries in the Toronto region are now participating in the program along with nine museums and galleries in Kitchener-Waterloo region, 14 in the Ottawa-Gatineau region, five in the Montréal region, eight in the Vancouver-Victoria region and 41 in Nova Scotia. The Institute for Canadian Citizenship is working in partnership with the Canadian Museums Association on the national expansion of the Cultural Access Pass.

The Institute for Canadian Citizenship is a national, non-profit organization founded and co-chaired by the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson and John Ralston Saul, dedicated to engaging Canadians in citizenship. Our Building Citizenship program brings together new and established Canadians at community citizenship ceremonies, our Cultural Access Pass offers new citizens the chance to visit more than 100 museums and galleries across Canada for free for a full year from the time they're sworn in, and our annual LaFontaine-Baldwin Symposium fosters a debate on the future of Canada's civic culture. For more information, visit [www.icc-icc.ca](http://www.icc-icc.ca)

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## Cultural Access Pass in Hamilton-Niagara Region

Art Gallery of Hamilton  
Battlefield House Museum and Park  
Battleground Hotel Museum  
Bell Homestead National Historic Site  
Brant Museum and Archives  
Burlington Art Centre  
Chiefswood Museum National Historic Site  
Dundurn National Historic Site  
Fieldcote Memorial Park & Museum  
Glenhyrst Art Gallery of Brant  
Griffin House  
Grimsby Public Art Gallery  
Hamilton Children's Museum  
Hamilton Military Museum  
Hamilton Museum of Steam and Technology  
Jordan Historical Museum  
McMaster Museum of Art  
Museum-in-the-Square  
Mytleville House Museum  
Niagara Falls Museums  
Niagara Historical Society Museum  
Oakville Museum at Erchless Estate  
RiverBrink Art Museum  
Rodman Hall Art Centre  
St. Catharines Museum and Welland Canal Centre  
Whitehern Historic House & Garden  
Willoughby Historical Museum