



Beaty Biodiversity Museum

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Creating Learning and Social Spaces at the Beaty Biodiversity Museum

Vancouver, BC – The Beaty Biodiversity Museum was a welcome recipient of the British Columbia | Canada 150 grant, which was announced in [January 2017](#). Our project, *Visitor Experience Improvement Project: Creating Learning and Social Spaces*, focused on developing the infrastructure of the museum to upgrade the gallery space. Our project was designed following visitor feedback and centred on improving our visitors' experience by constructing interactive elements and developing social spaces. We also created mobile workstations to enhance the work of researchers using the collections.

"Visitors to the Beaty Museum will find our displays enhanced and will enjoy their visits even more based on the improvements we have made to our exhibitry and social areas," said Dr. Eric Taylor, Beaty Biodiversity Museum Director and UBC Professor of Zoology. The improvements include an interactive interpretive whale station which is the first stop for all museum visitors, mobile research stations to provide better access to our collection, improvements to the Museum's entrance and admissions area, and more.

The work for this project was completed in early 2018 and we are excited to officially unveil all elements to the public. Attend the official unveiling on Thursday, May 17 to learn more about the full scope of improvements completed because of the funding received from the British Columbia | Canada 150 program.

Please join us at the reception and unveiling of the projects at May's Nocturnal

Date: Thursday, May 17, 2018 | 5:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Location: Beaty Biodiversity Museum, 2212 Main Mall, Vancouver

Admission by donation. Light catering and a cash bar will be available. For more information on the unveiling event, please visit

beatymuseum.ubc.ca/creating-learning-and-social-spaces

About the British Columbia | Canada 150 Program

British Columbia | Canada 150: Celebrating B.C. Communities and their Contributions to Canada was designed to create meaningful legacies that honour the province's unique and diverse histories, culture, heritage and contribution to the nation. This program offered one-time grants of up to \$100,000 for developing infrastructure, conserving historic places and heritage sites, building lasting legacies, and sharing our history.

About the Beaty Biodiversity Museum

The Beaty Biodiversity Museum is at 2212 Main Mall on the University of British Columbia campus. As Vancouver's only natural history museum, the Beaty holds more than 2.1 million specimens divided among six collections: the Cowan Tetrapod Collection, The Herbarium, the Spencer Entomological Collection, the Fish Collection, the Marine Invertebrate Collection and the Fossil Collection. The museum is home to Canada's largest blue whale skeleton, which is suspended in the two-story glass atrium.

