

MEDIA RELEASE

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\$150,000 OTF Grant Makes Ashfield Park More Accessible for All

Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh, ON – On Wednesday, MPP Lisa Thompson officially congratulated officials with the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh (ACW) on the work done at Ashfield Park as a result of receiving a \$150,000 Capital grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF). The Township put the funds from its 2022 Capital grant to work, ensuring that the washroom facilities at Ashfield Park were upgraded and are now accessible to people of all abilities.

“Through this investment, we’re reinforcing the value and importance of having outdoor parks that enable people to enjoy active living in the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh,” said Lisa Thompson, MPP for Huron-Bruce. “Actions like this lay the groundwork for a more inclusive and strong community, and play a large part in ensuring that public spaces are well-used.”

Thanks to the OTF grant, the Township now has two accessible washrooms and a changeroom at Ashfield Park, which is located at 33739 Zion Road in Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh. These facilities will expand usable hours, improve accessibility for everyone, and extend the life of the space. It is the Township’s hope that these facilities will continue to serve the residents of, and visitors to, Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh for many years to come.

“The impact of this Ontario Trillium Foundation grant cannot be overstated,” said Mayor Glen McNeil, Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh. “We are very grateful for this OTF grant, that has enabled ACW to provide two accessible washrooms and a change room, for our increasing number of visitors to utilize at the Ashfield Park. Accessibility for all is a priority of ACW Council.”

The Ontario Trillium Foundation’s (OTF) mission is to build healthy and vibrant communities across Ontario. As an agency of the Government of Ontario, and one of Canada’s leading granting foundations, last year, OTF invested over \$110M into 1,022 community projects and partnerships. Visit otf.ca to learn more.

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