

MEDIA RELEASEJuly 5th, 2024**\$229,000 in OTF Grants Support Two Projects in East Ferris**

Astorville, ON – On Friday, Nipissing MPP Vic Fedeli spoke with representatives from the Municipality of East Ferris, who took the opportunity to highlight the impacts of two grants totalling \$229,000 that it received from the provincial government’s Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) in 2022. Funds from the grants were used by the Municipality to help with upgrades at the library and creating recreational trails.

“We’d like to thank the Municipality of East Ferris for being vigilant with their Ontario Trillium Foundation applications. Due to their hard work, the community will have the opportunity to enjoy both the renovations made to the East Ferris library and the creation of the 14km recreational trail,” said MPP Vic Fedeli. “Our government is proud to make investments that improve the quality of life for our local citizens.”

The first of the two grants was received in early 2022, a \$79,000 Resilient Communities Fund grant that enabled the Municipality to renovate the local library’s existing space by creating a dedicated janitorial space. It also helped the library to buy a portable filtration system and plexiglass barriers that helped ensure the continued safety and comfort of library patrons. In addition, the grant ensured that a storage shed was purchased that’s allowed the library to increase patron capacity by using the library space more effectively.

“We are extremely fortunate to have received a \$79,000 Resilient Communities Fund grant for library renovations, a storage shed, and equipment,” said Jennifer Laporte, CEO of the Library. “We pride ourselves on providing safe and equitable access for our diverse community. Increasing capacity limits has allowed our programs to expand and excel.”

Later in 2022, the Municipality learned that it was also receiving a \$150,000 Capital grant to help with the costs involved with creating a new trail, running 14 kilometres, to provide area residents with a great recreational outlet for walking, jogging or cycling.

“The \$150,000 grant from the Ontario government is of great significance to our community,” said Mayor Rochefort. “Our new active transportation trail will provide recreational enthusiasts with a connection from MacPherson Drive Boat Launch to the Corbeil Recreation Hub.”

“Whether it’s helping people learn new things, connect with their community, or simply have fun, organizations like the Municipality of East Ferris deliver experiences that make a difference,” said Stan Cho, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming. “That’s why grant support through the Ontario Trillium Foundation is so important. This funding will help ensure that the library and trail remain at the heart of the community for decades to come.”

The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) is an agency of the Ontario government with a mission to build healthy and vibrant communities across the province. Last year, OTF invested more than \$110M into 1,044 community projects and multi-sector partnerships. Projects aim to enhance economic well-being, foster more active lifestyles, support child and youth development, provide spaces for people to come together and connect, and create a more sustainable environment. Visit otf.ca to learn more.

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