

\$73,200 OTF Grant Breaths New Life to Collingwood Lawn Bowling Greens

Collingwood, ON – On Thursday, MPP Brian Saunderson stopped in at the Collingwood Lawn Bowling Club (CLBC) to hear from its members about the impact that a \$73,200 Capital grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) has had. The grant, awarded in late 2022, was used to replace badly rotting and unsafe Greens Ditches, breathing new life to the Collingwood Lawn Bowling Greens. The project was completed in May and will give CLBC members safe and improved access to and play on the greens for many years to come.

“For over 35 years, the Collingwood Lawn Bowling Club has provided players with an enjoyable outdoor sports option that not only provides multiple health benefits, but fosters a sense of community connectedness amongst club members,” said Brian Saunderson, MPP for Simcoe-Grey. “Thank you to all members and volunteers, past and present, who have contributed to ensuring that the CLBC remains a vibrant, safe recreational activity for all who wish to take part for many years to come.”

In addition, the grant enabled the purchase of new Lawn Bowls so that new members can try the sport for a season without having to invest in a personal set, and which permits the Club to invite local clubs and organizations to come try the sport of lawn bowls, introducing the sport to even more members of the Collingwood community.

“The impact of this Ontario Trillium Foundation grant cannot be overstated,” said Michele Boyer, Board Vice President, Collingwood Lawn Bowling Club. “This grant has allowed a much-needed replacement of rotting and unsafe greens. The Greens are now completely safe and are installed to Ontario Lawn Bowling Standards to allow for competitive tournaments. With additional Bowls to be added to our inventory, we can support local clubs and organizations who want to bring their members to the lawn bowling greens for an enjoyable day or evening of play. We also want to congratulate the Ontario Trillium Foundation on 40 years of granting and building healthy and vibrant communities across the province,” added Boyer.

The Collingwood Lawn Bowling Club is committed to providing a high-quality playing surface so that the sport of Lawn Bowling in Collingwood can be enjoyed for many years to come.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF), an agency of the Government of Ontario, and one of Canada’s leading granting foundations celebrates 40 years of grant-making in Ontario and making a lasting impact in communities. Last year, OTF invested over \$110M into 1,022 community projects and partnerships, which included funding for the Government of Ontario’s Community Building Fund. Visit otf.ca to learn more.

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