



MEDIA RELEASE

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\$104,500 Ontario Government Grant Gives Community a Lift

Palmer Rapids, ON – On Saturday, local MPP John Yakabuski met with the team at Four Season's Park in Hardwood Lake to hear more about the \$104,500 Capital grant from the provincial government's Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) that was used to build a Multi-Sport Fenced Sports Court. The project will encourage physical activity and provide a safe place for kids and adults alike to play a variety of sports. Sports teach us invaluable lessons about teamwork, dedication, and perseverance. Being able to provide this space is priceless to the community.

"Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan Township is nestled in the south-western edge of the riding. This is a rural setting, the population may be small, but it is well known for the strong community spirit and participation of its residents. This Ontario Trillium Foundation grant will ensure greater access to events and activities, supporting social and physical activities for residents of all ages. Great news for the area residents. My thanks to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for this grant. To the team at the township involved in applying for this grant, thank you," said John Yakabuski, MPP for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke.

The funds provided from Ontario Trillium Foundation were put to great use and included the foundation work, application of the asphalt & line painting, the fencing and also the basket ball nets and mid court netting. The Four Seasons Park Committee also contributed, through their own fundraising, to provide equipment such as tennis rackets and balls, pickleball equipment, basket balls, dodge balls, as well as shuffleboard and badminton equipment.

Having a new Sports Court available is a great opportunity for residents to enjoy more fun in The Four Seasons Park. It expands the activities in this park to include pickleball, basketball, tennis, badminton and volleyball. We are very grateful to the Province of Ontario to approve a grant to fund 100% of the monies to complete this project. Also, thanks to the Four Seasons Park Committee and volunteers that operates this park for the work to gather the information required to complete the application. Mayor Jahn

Four Seasons Park is celebrating their 40th Anniversary today and is proud to be able to have this grand opening of the Sports Court celebrated on this special weekend. The Four Seasons Park Committee consists of four members and many volunteers who are active in fundraising by hosting an annual Mud Run and an annual Poker Run. The Park is available for family functions and special events by donation.

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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