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Township of North Stormont Receives \$200,000 Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant for New Additional Accessible Playground Structure in Crysler

NORTH STORMONT, ON – The Township of North Stormont is pleased to announce it has been awarded a **\$200,000 Capital Grant** from the **Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF)** to support the acquisition of a new accessible playground structure at the Crysler Community Centre.

The project, valued at more than \$250,000, will expand the Township's existing inclusive playground with the addition of a new accessible play structure. Building on the playground's original vision of creating a safe, welcoming place for children of all ages and abilities to play, learn, and connect, the enhancement will serve families from across North Stormont while supporting one of the Township's fastest-growing communities.

The Township will contribute significant in-kind support to the project by providing excavation services and hauling aggregate for site preparation, helping maximize the value of the grant funding. In addition, the Crysler Community Centre has raised more than \$50,000 through community fundraising efforts to help make the project a reality.

"On behalf of the Township of North Stormont, I would like to sincerely thank the Ontario Trillium Foundation and the Government of Ontario for their investment of \$200,000 toward a new accessible playground structure in Crysler. As one of our fastest-growing communities, Crysler has seen an increasing need for inclusive and accessible recreational spaces. This new addition to the playground will provide children and families from across North Stormont with a safe, welcoming place to play, build friendships, and strengthen community connections. We are grateful for this investment in the health, well-being, and future of our residents."

The entire playground has been designed with accessibility and inclusion at its core, ensuring children of varying ages and abilities can enjoy the space together. It has become a valuable recreational destination that encourages active lifestyles, social interaction, and community engagement.

The Township also recognizes the tremendous efforts of the **Crysler Community Centre**, whose volunteers and supporters have worked tirelessly to raise more than **\$50,000** toward the project. Their dedication, combined with the Ontario Trillium Foundation's investment and the Township's in-kind contributions, demonstrates the power of collaboration in creating lasting community assets.

Construction is expected to begin following final design approvals and procurement, with additional project details to be shared as they become available.

The Township of North Stormont extends its sincere appreciation to the **Ontario Trillium Foundation** and the **Government of Ontario** for their commitment to investing in healthy, vibrant, and inclusive communities across the province.

Mayor François Landry emphasized that the project reflects the remarkable commitment of local volunteers and community partners.

"This project is a wonderful example of what can be accomplished when various levels of our government and community work together. I want to recognize the incredible volunteers at the Chrysler Community Centre who have dedicated countless hours to fundraising and improving recreational opportunities for everyone. Their efforts have raised more than \$50,000 toward this project, demonstrating an unwavering commitment to building a stronger, more vibrant community. These volunteers are creating a lasting legacy that will benefit children and families for generations, and on behalf of Council, I sincerely thank them for their passion, generosity, and dedication to North Stormont."

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