

Wellesley and District Lions Club

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Wellesley Lions Club Splashpark to Break Ground this Fall Thanks to \$75,000 OTF Grant

Wellesley – The Wellesley and District Lions Club has reached the 75% mark in their Splash Park fundraising campaign, thanks to a \$75 000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF). Peter Hinchcliffe, a member of OTF's local Grant Review Team, joined the group to formally congratulate them on receiving the grant.

"I am pleased that the Wellesley and District Lions Club has been awarded this funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation," said Leeanna Pendergast, MPP for Kitchener-Conestoga. "This grant is important to our local economy and our community's quality of life."

The Wellesley and District Lions Club has been serving the needs of the community since the club's inception 30 years ago. Two years ago, the local Lion's Club was approached with the idea of a splashpark facility by a group of young parents and enthusiastically embraced the idea. The club plans to cover the ongoing cost of the park's maintenance, so that the facility can be offered free of charge to the community.

"Wellesley Township Council believes in community projects which help to solidify family activities. We congratulate and thank the splashpark committee/Wellesley and District Lions Club for providing part of that foundation for a special group in our society, the youth" said Mayor Ross Kelterborn, on behalf of the Township Council. "To quote the Splash Park Committee, it's about building a community with recreational facilities that draw friends together and makes Wellesley Township a place people want to live."

"There has been an influx in young families to our town, and our club wants to make sure that the needs of the community continue to be met", said Lions member/ Splashpark Project Coordinator, Jennifer Kays Sommer. "We are delighted that the Ontario Trillium Foundation has partnered with our very generous community to promote the physical fitness of our children."

This grant will be used towards the purchase of water features, an underground holding tank and a water recirculation system. The Wellesley Lions Club and Splashpark committee continues to fundraise locally and installation of the facility will proceed in the fall of 2010.

A leading grantmaker in Canada, the Ontario Trillium Foundation strengthens the capacity of the voluntary sector through investments in community-based initiatives. An agency of the Government of Ontario, OTF builds healthy and vibrant communities. www.trilliumfoundation.org

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Lions Club and Splashpark Committee Member & Coordinator Jennifer Kays-Sommer and Lions Club President Dale Roe accepting the grant and commemorative plaque from Peter Henschcliffe of the Trillium Foundation. Diane McCowan is representing the office of Leanna Pendergast, MPP.



Wellesley Splashpark Committee with Peter Henschcliffe of the Trillium Foundation and Diane McCowan of Leanna Pendergast, MPP 's office.