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McNab/Braeside to Create Central Recreation Space with \$150,000 Ontario150 Community Capital Program Grant

McNab/Braeside – On February 7th, at a regular meeting of Council, the Township of McNab/Braeside announced it had received a \$150,000 Ontario150 Community Capital Program grant to help it renovate the Township’s Perneel Building.

“This investment by the Ontario 150 Community Capital Program is great news for the Township,” said John Yakabuski, MPP for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke. “This space will provide new recreation opportunities in a space that is accessible to all.”

The Perneel Building, located at 2473 Russett Drive across the street from the current Township Office, was purchased in 2012 as part of a 92-acre parcel of land acquired to house a new Township Office and future municipal services. It is currently used for storage and is home to the McNab/Braeside Market. Its lack of washroom and kitchen facilities, coupled with its rough interior finishing, limit its potential for recreation programming.

“Thanks to the \$150,000 grant received from the Ontario150 Community Capital Program, the Township will be able to renovate the Perneel Building into a fully accessible recreation space complete with washroom and kitchen facilities,” said Township Mayor Tom Peckett. “Township residents will benefit greatly from this investment, which will allow us to offer a variety of community programming through this central location.”

Council’s long-term vision for the 92-acre property includes a new municipal office, central recreation space, outdoor parks, and a trail system into the adjacent Provincial Park. The Township plans to host an open house event to showcase the newly renovated building upon completion of the project expected in the spring of 2018.

Administered by the Ontario Trillium Foundation, an agency of the Government of Ontario, Ontario150 Community Capital Program grants will help nonprofit organizations, municipalities and Indigenous communities renovate, repair and retrofit existing community and cultural infrastructure. The one-time, Ontario150 grant has been designed to help honour the province’s past, showcase the present and inspire future generations. For more information on the Ontario Trillium Foundation, please visit: www.otf.ca

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