

McNab/Braeside wants your ideas on a name for a new, central recreation space

McNab/Braeside – The Township of McNab/Braeside wants the public's input on a name for a new central recreation space to be located in the centre of the Township. On Friday, local MPP John Yakabuski and Ray Westgarth, an Ontario Trillium Foundation volunteer, met with Township officials at the Perneel Building to hear more about the future plans for the building and see the work in progress of a \$150,000 Ontario150 Community Capital grant that the Town received in early 2017.

"The improvements made possible through this Ontario150 Community Capital grant will help transform the Perneel Building into a facility that can be utilized in so many ways, bringing great benefits to all the residents and those who use it. I congratulate all those involved in the project," said MPP John Yakabuski.

The Perneel Building was used for storage and is home to the McNab/Braeside Market, but its lack of washroom and kitchen facilities, coupled with a rough interior finishing, limited its potential for recreation programming. Funds from the Ontario150 Community Capital grant are being used to help with accessibility and interior upgrades at the site, which is being transformed into a fully-functioning, accessible community centre.

Do you have an idea for the naming of the renovated space? Members of the public are being encouraged to submit their ideas, keeping in mind that municipal facilities may be named after an individual who has: demonstrated excellence, courage or exceptional service to the Township, the Province of Ontario and/or Canada; someone who has/had an extraordinary community service record; or worked to foster equality and reduce discrimination; or risked or given his/her life to save or protect others; or provided a significant financial contribution to a facility, where the contribution significantly benefits the community that the facility services.

"This naming process gives our residents the opportunity to recognize someone who has done some amazing things for our community," said Township Mayor Tom Peckett.

If you have a suggestion, a copy of the Township's Commemorative Naming policy and application form can be found on the front page of the Township's website at: www.mcnabbraeside.com. Deadline for your submission is March 16, 2018 and Council will announce the building's new name in the spring of 2018.

Administered by the Ontario Trillium Foundation, an agency of the Government of Ontario, Ontario150 Community Capital Program grants has helped nonprofit organizations, municipalities and Indigenous communities renovate, repair and retrofit existing community and cultural infrastructure. The one-time, Ontario150 grant was 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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