

MEDIA RELEASE

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\$56,400 OTF Grant Helps Bring Back Braeside Carnival

Braeside, ON – On Saturday, the Braeside Carnival kicked off once again at the John A. Gillies Recreation Centre after 3 years of hiatus. With an \$56,400 Resilient Communities Fund grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF), the Township of McNab/Braeside was able to hire a Recreation Program Assistant to significantly expand programming to meet the growing demand from the community for recreation – including bringing back this long-standing community event! Skates hit the ice on the newly updated outdoor rink, with brand new skate aids and other equipment purchased as part of the grant funds available for public use.

“This grant of \$56,400 to the Township of McNab/Braeside from the Resilient Communities Fund will fund additional staff who will provide and expand activities that encourage and promote a healthy lifestyle. I am confident area residents will participate in events especially as we return to normal after Covid restrictions. I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for the approval of this grant” said MPP John Yakabuski.

With the help of the OTF grant position, the Recreation Department has been able to run 22 programs and 52 events in 2022 (up almost double from 2021), which have been consistently well-attended. The community has demonstrated a clear appetite for recreation; from big events like the Braeside Winter Carnival, to ongoing programs like pickleball. Brand new programs were made possible through the instructor services component of the grant: acrylic pouring, bath soaks, video game night, and more have brought the community together. With the additional human resources made possible through the grant and an already stellar recreation team, the Township of McNab/Braeside has become a leader in recreation.

“We are grateful for the opportunity that this OTF grant has afforded,” said Andrea Lamontagne, Recreation Director for the Township. “As a community you have seen and experienced all of the awesome programs and events that we have been able to implement with Taylor on board. You and your children have had the opportunity to use the new equipment, supplies and experience new instructor lead programming. The OTF grant has had a tremendous positive impact on our community!”

For more information on the upcoming events and programs in the Township of McNab/Braeside, check out the website [here](#). You do not need to be a resident of to Township to attend most programs!

The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF), an agency of the Government of Ontario, and one of Canada’s leading granting foundations celebrates 40 years of grantmaking in Ontario and making a lasting impact in communities. Last year, OTF invested nearly \$209M into 2,042 community projects and partnerships, which included funding for the Government of Ontario’s Community Building Fund. Visit otf.ca to learn more.

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