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## **County of Renfrew recognizes Ontario Trillium Foundation funding for upgrades on K&P Recreational Trail**

Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke MPP John Yakabuski recently visited the K&P Recreational Trail to see improvements made thanks to a \$62,800 Community Building Fund – Capital stream grant received from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. The County of Renfrew was pleased to recognize the grant, which helped address community needs by renovating and repairing the County's recreational trail to increase safety, improve accessibility and create a better year-round experience for residents and tourists.

“This Ontario Trillium Foundation Community Building Fund will broaden access to the County’s recreational trails resulting in greater year-round access for area residents and tourists. These enhancements will positively impact local tourism and the economy. I would like to extend my appreciation to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for the approval of this grant,” stated MPP Yakabuski.

Through the OTF grant, a 3.5-kilometre section of the K&P Recreational Trail, from Pucker Street to Ashdad Road in the Township of Greater Madawaska, was rehabilitated. The work included brushing, ditching and completing a surface treatment. The upgrades improved the multi-use four-season recreation, travel, commuting and fitness corridor. The County of Renfrew issued a request for tender for the project and Goldie Mohr Ltd. of Ottawa was the successful bidder. The work was completed in 2022.

“The County is very appreciative to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for awarding this grant for the upgrades to the K&P Recreational Trail,” said Councillor James Brose, Chair of the County’s Development and Property Committee. “Renfrew County is growing in popularity as a tourism destination for recreation enthusiasts, thanks in part to the improvements made to this multi-use trail. Residents and visitors have a unique opportunity to explore and experience the natural surroundings and warm hospitality our community provides when travelling our trails.”

Councillor Michael Donohue, a long-time member of the K&P Recreational Trail Management Advisory Committee, was on hand to thank the Ontario Trillium Foundation for the grant.

“Since the more recent expansion of the K&P Trail to connect to the Algonquin Trail, it is now housed within three municipalities, each with their own charm and attractions,” he said. “The continual upgrades to this link are vital to ensure residents and visitors continue to have great recreational opportunities to enjoy for themselves and for future generations.”

In 2001, the County of Renfrew purchased the 21-kilometre section of the abandoned Kingston & Pembroke (K&P) rail corridor between Renfrew and Calabogie. Since then, work has been ongoing to improve the trail as it serves as an important connecting link between these two communities.

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

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