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### **A \$7,900 Ontario150 Grant is a Recipe for Success at the Winchester Curling Club**

**Winchester** - There was lots of fun and competition at the Winchester Curling Club's bonspiel on Saturday afternoon. In the midst of the activity, local MPP Jim McDonell stopped in to formally congratulate Club members on receiving a \$7,900 Ontario150 Community Capital Program grant to make needed upgrades and renovations happen once the season ends.

"Curling offers many communities across Ontario the opportunity to engage in an active lifestyle and maintain strong social ties," said Jim McDonell, MPP for Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry. "The clubhouse is more than just a place of competition – it is an essential link in the social fabric of Winchester and its surrounding area. All community members stand to benefit from improved clubhouse facilities, and I look forward to the Winchester Curling Club welcoming community members and introducing new curlers to the sport in the years to come."

Administered by the Ontario Trillium Foundation, which is an agency of the Government of Ontario, this 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](http://www.otf.ca)

Funds from the Ontario150 Community Capital Program grant will help the Club make needed improvements to its kitchen, purchase an air conditioner for the club house and add a new, insulated garage door for the arena. The funds will be used to help offset the cost to the Club that are needed to undertake the improvements.

"The Winchester Curling Club is entirely volunteer run. Undertaking any capital improvements in a small organization with limited resources is no easy task," commented Club President Jason McKercher. "The Ontario150 grant will help to provide much needed improvements, increasing the usability of the Curling Club for years to come."

For more information on the Winchester Curling Club, which is now celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary, inquire about renting the hall, or learn more about the sport of curling, please visit: [www.winchestercurlingclub.com](http://www.winchestercurlingclub.com)

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