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Town of Ingersoll Unveils New Pickleball Courts Thanks to \$150,000 in Provincial Funding

Ingersoll, ON – On Monday, March 11, 2024, Oxford MPP Ernie Hardeman met with the team at the Town of Ingersoll to hear more about the \$150,000 Capital Grant from the provincial government’s Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) that was used to fund the construction of 8 new pickleball courts.

The funding was first awarded in November 2022, allowing the Town of Ingersoll to resurface former unused tennis courts. After the courts were resurfaced, contractors painted and installed nets for 8 brand-new pickleball courts

The courts are expected to help foster community engagement and promote an active and healthy lifestyle. Pickleball, a rapidly growing sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton, and table tennis, has gained immense popularity in recent years. With the generous support of the Trillium Foundation, The Town of Ingersoll has been able to create 8 pickleball courts that cater to both seasoned players and newcomers, providing a space for physical activity, social interaction, and skill development.

The Trillium Grant played a pivotal role in providing the necessary financial resources to initiate and complete the construction and enhancement of these facilities. In a town where community engagement and recreational opportunities are highly valued, the Trillium Grant has become the catalyst for transforming aspirations into reality. It not only addresses the immediate need for quality pickleball facilities but also underscores the commitment to promoting active lifestyles, creating social connections, and positively impacting the overall well-being of Ingersoll's residents. The grant has become a cornerstone in building a more vibrant and healthier community, demonstrating the profound impact that strategic investments in recreational infrastructure can have on the fabric of local life.

Quotes

"It's wonderful to see the result of the hard work that went into repurposing these courts to make room for pickleball. With the help of provincial funding, Ingersoll has been able to create another great space for people to take part in this popular sport and stay active and engaged with their community."

- *Ernie Hardeman, MPP for Oxford*

About the Town of Ingersoll

Nestled in the heart of southwestern Ontario, the Town of Ingersoll is a vibrant community with a population of over 13,000. As a forward-thinking municipal government, Ingersoll is a strong, diverse, green, and sustainable community that respects our people, honours our past and shapes our future. From cultural venues, such as museums, theatres, and art galleries, to outdoor adventures, such as hiking, cycling, and fishing, you'll find what you are looking for in Ingersoll. Ingersoll's Town Hall, centrally located in the heart of our community, serves as a hub for accessible and responsive municipal services. Stay connected with us online through our official website, www.ingersoll.ca, and follow our social media channels at @townofingersoll. Explore our strategic vision for Ingersoll in our [Strategic Plan](#).

About Ontario Trillium Foundation

The Ontario Trillium Foundation's (OTF) mission is to build healthy and vibrant communities across Ontario. As an agency of the Government of Ontario, and one of Canada's leading granting foundations, last year, OTF invested over \$110M into 1,022 community projects and partnerships. Visit otf.ca to learn more.

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