

Community Building Fund Grant Helps CDHS Build Cutting-Edge Historical Website

Cloyne, ON – In 2021, The Cloyne and District Historical Society (CDHS) received a \$10,000 Community Building Fund – Operating stream grant from the Government of Ontario. This grant, delivered by the Ontario Trillium Foundation, will assist in the creation of a new state-of-the-art website, thereby increasing community engagement and helping CDHS recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I am pleased to see this Community Building Fund grant help those working hard in Cloyne to welcome new visitors to their friendly community and share their deep history," said Hastings-Lennox & Addington MPP Daryl Kramp. "The pandemic has affected in-person visitation, as does the winter weather, but this new website will welcome the world year-round to the rich natural northern vistas and history of the area."

The mobile-friendly and secure website will focus on visitor attraction, digital exhibits and resources, and is expected to launch in late April 2022. Whereas the Pioneer Museum is open mid-June to Labour Day, the website will be an expanded resource available year-round.

Further funding for the project has been contributed by the Township of North Frontenac and the Ontario Highlands Tourism Organization (Tourism Recovery and Innovation Program), both critical partners in this project.

"The importance of the Community Building Fund grant cannot be underestimated" said Shirley Sedore, President of the CDHS. "It will make our website mobile-friendly and have several new features to further help people learn about our rich local history."

The Cloyne and District Historical Society is a not-for-profit, charitable, volunteer organization whose mandate is to preserve and record the history of the local area and to share the knowledge with the public.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) is an agency of the Government of Ontario, and one of Canada's leading granting foundations. Last year, nearly \$112M was invested into 1,384 community projects and partnerships to build healthy and vibrant communities and strengthen the impact of Ontario's non-profit sector. In 2020/21, OTF supported Ontario's economic recovery by helping non-profit organizations rebuild and recover from the impacts of COVID-19. Visit otf.ca to learn more.

The Government of Ontario's [Community Building Fund](#) is investing \$105 million to support community arts and culture, heritage, tourism, and sport and recreation organizations that are experiencing significant financial pressures due to the pandemic. The fund is being delivered by the Ontario Trillium Foundation across two distinct funding streams - Operating and Capital. This initiative is part of the 2020 Budget, [Ontario's Action Plan: Protect, Support, Recover](#).

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