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Ground Breaking Event – Barnardo Park Rehabilitation

Peterborough - On Wednesday morning, the City of Peterborough held a Ground Breaking event to mark the start of construction for the rehabilitation of Barnardo Park, Peterborough. Local MPP Jeff Leal was on hand to celebrate the milestone.

“It was great to take part in today’s ground breaking ceremony for the new Barnardo Park Rehabilitation project. The replacement of the aging play structures and the addition of a new splash pad will create a space that is accessible to all individuals and will foster active lifestyles and allow more families to enjoy this great park.” – The Hon. Jeff Leal, MPP for Peterborough.

This project is supported by a \$300,000 grant through the Ontario150 Community Capital Program. The rehabilitation of Barnardo Park will include a new splashpad, replacement of play structures and upgrades to walkways and parking areas to make it an accessible park.

Administered by the Ontario Trillium Foundation, an agency of the Government of Ontario, Ontario150 Community Capital Program grants are helping non-profit organizations, municipalities and Indigenous communities renovate, repair and retrofit existing community and cultural infrastructure. The one-time, Ontario150 grant has been designed to help honour Ontario’s past, showcase the present and inspire future generations.

“Barnardo Park is a well used community park. It has one of the City’s busiest wading pools, which is now more than 50 years old. We are excited to see it replaced with a new, modern splash-pad, as identified in the City’s 10-year strategic plan for addressing outdoor water play,” remarked Councillor Dave Haacke, who has been on the Arenas, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee since 2010. “Families are going to love it.”

“These upgrades will ensure that the community will continue to enjoy the park for many years,” remarked Councillor Andrew Beamer. “The Ontario150 Community Capital Program grant has allowed this project to be expanded significantly to include new playground equipment, upgrades to the parking areas and accessible features throughout the park.”

This information is also available on the City of Peterborough website at www.peterborough.ca.

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