



**MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Peterborough City Soccer Club Puts \$47,400 Grant to Work**

**Peterborough, ON** – On Friday afternoon, MPP Dave Smith spoke with the team at the Peterborough City Soccer Club (PCSA) and enjoyed the chance to hear how the \$47,400 Community Building Fund grant awarded last year helped it keep delivering the programs the community relies on. The grant program from the Government of Ontario and the Ontario Trillium Foundation was designed to assist non-profits that had been impacted as a result of the pandemic.

"Soccer is a well-loved game here in Peterborough-Kawartha and we are fortunate to have a place where youth can come to play and learn within the community," said MPP Smith. "This grant of \$47,400 will allow the Peterborough City Soccer Association to continue providing programming and investing in the players while promoting a love of the game," MPP Smith added.

Funds from the one-year grant were used by the Club to maintain its facilities, assist with staffing and coaches costs, and keep moving forward, despite lockdowns and distancing.

In addition to ensuring the sustainability to operate Peterborough City Soccer Club (PCSA) facilities, the Community Building Fund grant helped the Club deliver soccer programs in Peterborough through coaching support and education, as well as opportunities to practice and play during the winter months.

"In a time of uncertainty, the Community Building Fund grant allowed us to sustain and to safely re-open our operations," reported Dan Moore, President, PCSA. "This we felt was a vital community service, which allowed us to create some normalcy in kids' lives, giving them the opportunity to play and socialize once again. It was important for the physical, social, and mental health of our youth and our community."

The Ontario Trillium Foundation (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 nearly \$209M into 2,042 community projects and partnerships, which included funding for the Government of Ontario's Community Building Fund. Since 2020, OTF has supported Ontario's economic recovery by helping non-profit organizations rebuild and recover from the impacts of COVID-19. Visit [otf.ca](https://otf.ca) to learn more.

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