



MEDIA RELEASE

OCTOBER 21, 2021

OTF Grant Boosts Madoc Public Library back from COVID-19

CENTRE HASTINGS – In 2021, the Municipality of Centre Hastings is to receive a \$49,000 grant from the Resilient Communities Fund's Grant of the Ontario Trillium Foundation to install new HVAC units with UV protection and filtration, as well as support the purchase of modular furniture and other equipment to support physical distancing in response to COVID-19. The project will ensure that the Madoc Public Library will recover from the lasting impacts of COVID-19. The project will be completed over the rest of 2021 and will give people in the community the ability to safely return to programs and services at the Library.

"Getting back to normal is on everyone's mind, and this worthy project will help Madoc Public Library and all the people it serves do just that," said MPP Daryl Kramp.

In addition to the installation of new HVAC equipment, the municipality has undertaken work to replace old windows to ensure air flow and ventilation is appropriate at the Library. The modular furniture not only supports COVID-19 response to physical distancing requirements but supports accessibility requirements. Also installed were automatic dispensing equipment in washrooms to reduce high touch point areas. The Library acts as a community hub, providing accessible service, programming, and a welcoming space for approximately 1,100 patrons annually, as well as visitors and local organizations.

"The library placed the health and well-being of patrons, staff, and visitors as a top priority throughout the pandemic," said CEO/Librarian Tammie Adams. "Thanks to the generosity of the \$49,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, vital renovations have been made and our library now has up-to-date HVAC equipment and furniture to ensure the safety of patrons and visitors as they return to the Library, and for many years to come."

"The unique partnership between the Municipality of Centre Hastings and the Township of Madoc continues to provide outstanding library services to the residents of our communities," said Gayle Ketcheson, Chair of the Madoc Public Library Board. "The injection of support from the Ontario Trillium Foundation's Resilient Communities Fund for this project really strengthens and complements our goal of providing a healthy vibrant community."

The Madoc Public Library is committed to preserving this space and ensuring that it remains safe and inviting for many community activities and patrons. If you wish to enquire about services offered or resources available, please visit the website at: www.madocpubliclibrary.ca

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.

-30-

Madoc Public Library Contact:

Tammie Adams, CEO/Librarian
Madoc Public Library
613-473-4456
ceo@madocpubliclibrary.com

Media Contact:

Alexander Kelly, Director of Finance/Treasurer
Municipality of Centre Hastings
613-473-4030
akelly@centrehastings.com