



Media Release

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Paris Lawn Bowling Club Donates to Wilkin Family Community Centre

County of Brant, ON - The County of Brant is pleased to announce that a donation of \$5,000 has been received for the Wilkin Family Community Centre from the Paris Lawn Bowling Club.

"Thank you to the Paris Lawn Bowling Club for their support of this project," said Mayor David Bailey. "With its long-standing history in the County, we are grateful for the assistance and support from this welcoming organization that brings people together in the spirit of sport and friendship."

The Paris Lawn Bowling Club was established in 1884 when a group of enthusiasts first gathered on the grounds of the Presbyterian Church on Grand River Street North. In 1893, the club relocated to its current home at 169 Grand River Street North. Known for its rich history in the community, the club has earned a reputation as a welcoming and inclusive place where everyone is encouraged to join.

"On our 140th Anniversary, the Paris Lawn Bowling Club is pleased to contribute the proceeds from Club fundraising towards the new Wilkin Family Community Centre," said Dave Buck, Paris Lawn Bowling Club President. "Built on the site of our former clubhouse, the Community Centre will complement the picturesque site overlooking the Grand River dam. We look forward to use of the Community Centre while bowling for many years to come and we appreciate the support of the County of Brant in providing this wonderful new facility for our use."

The new Wilkin Family Community Centre, located at 169 Grand River Street North in Paris, will feature approximately 2,055 square feet of indoor space. The centre will offer facilities for indoor and outdoor recreation, social activities, family gatherings, cultural and arts events, and various other opportunities for residents and visitors to enjoy. It will be Brant's first net-zero building and will also house the Paris Lawn Bowling Club and the Paris Seniors Club 99. Construction is expected to be completed by the end of 2024.

The Wilkin Family Community Centre has a construction cost of \$1.6 million, with a fundraising goal of \$400,000 to help alleviate the project's financial impact on the municipality. Since March 2024, the campaign working group has been actively seeking significant donations. Naming opportunities are available for features such as the Great Room, the covered patio overlooking the lawn bowling greens, and several cabanas. Donors who wish to be recognized will be acknowledged on the Donor Wall in the Great Room of the Wilkin Family Community Centre.

For more information on naming opportunities and how to donate, please contact the Capital Campaign Coordinator, Angee Turnbull, CFRE, at 519.761.1129 or angee.turnbull@brant.ca.

To learn more about the Wilkin Family Community Centre and how you can get involved, please visit www.brant.ca/WilkinFamilyCommunityCentre.

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