

**\$88,500 Grant Helps Smooth Rock Falls Economic Development Corporation  
To Support Community Development Programs**

**Smooth Rock Falls, ON** – On Friday, MPP Guy Bourgouin met with the representatives from the Smooth Rock Falls Economic Development Corporation (SRFEDC) to hear how the \$88,500 Resilient Communities Fund grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) has made a difference. The grant program was designed to help non-profit organizations across the province to rebuild and recover from the impacts brought on by COVID-19.

“The pandemic hit everyone hard, especially non-profit organizations,” said Guy Bourgouin, MPP for Mushkegowuk-James Bay. “Many of whom had to look at alternative plans, even create new opportunities and re-invent the wheel and ways of business in order to survive and keep offering their services. We are fortunate to have the Ontario Trillium Foundation, which has helped many organizations across the province. I am pleased to see the good it has brought to the Smooth Rock Falls Economic Development Corporation to in turn help better and support its community.”

The six-month grant, awarded in the spring, was used to continue developing human resources policies and expand volunteer recruitment strategies. It’s also helped with the costs of hosting workshops for staff and board members, purchasing an online platform license, and purchasing new equipment that will help with fundraising activities, like a new food cart, cleaning and sanitizing materials, and upgrading its kitchen facilities and other key administrative costs.

“The impact of this Ontario Trillium Foundation grant will benefit our organization well into the future,” said Robert Blanchette, Chair of the SRFEDC. “This grant has allowed our team to develop skills and strengthen our organization to help us serve and equip other organizations to serve our community.”

The Smooth Rock Falls Economic Development Corporation (SRFEDC) was incorporated in November 2006. As an incorporation, we encourage and support strategic planning in order to increase partnerships within the community to serve residents. Our role is to assist in community development in Smooth Rock Falls. The SRFEDC is committed to community engagement. If you wish to enquire more about our organization, please visit the website at <https://www.srfcdc.com/>

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](http://otf.ca) to learn more.

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