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Young Curlers Take to the Ice Thanks to \$11,000 Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant

MANOTICK – This season, young curling enthusiasts will step onto the rink at the Manotick Curling Center with new equipment, thanks to a \$10,600 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF). Lisa MacLeod, MPP for Nepean-Carleton, joined OTF representative Frank Dyson in congratulating participants at today's youth training session.

"The Manotick Curling Centre is known for its world class junior curlers and today's OTF funding will continue to foster the strong development of young curlers in Nepean-Carleton and beyond," said MPP MacLeod. "As the local MPP, I am proud that we will be able to build upon the fine tradition of local curling and excellence in sport by contributing \$10,600 for junior stones and other equipment."

The grant was used to purchase new youth curling stones, brooms and sliders for the Little Rocks and Bantam Curling Clubs. The grant will allow the Manotick Curling Center to continue offering the free use of curling equipment to its youth clubs, which greatly assists in keeping costs of the sport to a minimum while ensuring high quality.

"Everyone was really excited at the prospect of receiving new equipment," said Chris Innes, Coordinator for the Manotick Little Rocks Curling. "The new stones are great! They are the same lighter weight as the stones they replaced – 25 lbs versus the adult stones, which weigh 44 lbs – but they are now the same size and have the appearance of regulation adult stones. This is a key when youth curlers transition to adult curling."

The Manotick Curling Center provides a complete curling program for youth ages 6-20 with coaches certified by the Coaching Association of Canada. It has three sheets of ice that are used weekly for Little Rocks and Bantam curlers as well as for Junior competitive team practices. The Curling Center is also used by St. Mark's High School and St. Leonard's School as part of their physical education program.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation is an agency of the Government of Ontario. For over 25 years, the Foundation has supported the growth and vitality of communities across the province. It continues to strengthen the capacity of the volunteer sector through investments in community-based initiatives. For more information, please visit www.trilliumfoundation.org.

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