



# Grimsby Gentlemen Rugby Football Club



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**GRIMSBY, ON** - The Grimsby Gentlemen Rugby Football Club is pleased to announce that they have been awarded a \$66,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. The grant will enable the club to redo the roof, create home and visitor change rooms with showers, and finish off the main hall which will create a functional community space.

"The Grimsby Gentlemen Rugby Football Club is a great community organization that's not only fostering an appreciation of rugby, but healthy active lifestyles for the players too. I'm pleased to see the Ontario Trillium Foundation making this investment, enabling the club to make needed upgrades to ensure the building remains an essential meeting space not only for the group but for others in the area who are hosting events or meetings there," said Tim Hudak, MPP for Niagara West-Glanbrook.

"This grant will help our club with much needed improvements," said Bill Stuart, President and Coach of the Grimsby Gentlemen Rugby Football Club.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation, which is an agency of the Government of Ontario, is focused on building healthy and vibrant communities throughout Ontario by strengthening the capacity of the voluntary sector through investments in community-based initiatives.

"The team is extremely appreciative of the Ontario Trillium Foundation for recognizing our application as a priority," said Nick Lemieux, Director for the Grimsby Gentlemen Rugby Football Club. "We cannot thank them enough for their support."

The rugby club has been working closely during the application process with Bruce Atikson, Director of Recreation, Facilities and Culture at the Town of Grimsby, to ensure the Town's support for the project. "We wouldn't be here without Bruce's continued support," said Mr. Stuart.

The majority of the work will be completed by Marty Vorstenbosch of D.F. Gerow Plumbing and Heating and Sara and Reg Perry from Your Electrician along with the club's many volunteers.

"The club would also like to thank its sponsors on the project, Paul Rohner from Permacon, Any Colour you Like, Aqua Flow, JJ Cores, Profast and Rikochez Pub. Your help is truly appreciated," said Mr. Stuart.

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