

\$12,500 OTF Grant Supports Museum Operation Costs

Kingston – In 2021, The Frontenac County Schools Museum received a \$12,500 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation’s Community Building Fund - Operating stream to assist the museum with its rent and facilities costs as part of a post-pandemic recovery strategy. The funding was received in early November 2021 and will support the museum for a total of twelve months. This funding will allow the museum to focus on what it does best - developing programs, caring for its collection, and offering unique experiences to its visitors.

The museum has remained open whenever possible throughout the pandemic, but like many organizations, has developed online programs and activities to engage the public. Thanks to the \$12,500 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, people will be able to visit the museum both virtually and in person for the year ahead. "This funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation is so essential for the museum to continue its operations," said Faye Batchelor, President of the Frontenac County Schools Museum Board of Directors. "Maintaining our heritage building has always come with some financial stress, and the pandemic really emphasized that. Now our staff and volunteers will be able to buy the resources they need to develop public and school programs, both online and in person, without needing to cut corners."

The Frontenac County Schools Museum collects, preserves and researches artifacts and archival material from the early schools scattered among the towns and small villages in Frontenac County. To learn more about the museum and its programs, please visit their website at www.fcsmuseum.com.

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.

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