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ONTARIO TRILLIUM FOUNDATION FUELS RENOVATION OF OTTAWA GYMNASTICS CENTRE, EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH IN THE HEART OF OTTAWA

[Ottawa, December 18, 2023] – The Ottawa Gymnastics Centre (OGC) is delighted to announce the successful completion of Phase One of its transformative facility renovation, made possible by a generous grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. This grant has empowered OGC to modernize its infrastructure and significantly enhance its capacity to serve the community.

Known for providing vital sport participation programming for children, the Ottawa Gymnastics Centre has utilized the grant to expand its offerings at all levels. With increased programming, OGC can now accommodate more participants, offer additional youth employment positions, and provide leadership training for teens and youth.

In the face of rising demand for recreational facilities in the urban core of Ottawa, the Ontario Trillium Foundation's support comes at a critical time. The grant has facilitated structural renovations that ensure OGC's continued presence at its current location for years to come, even as neighboring facilities face redevelopment. The commitment to maintaining a dedicated space for gymnastics in the heart of the community aligns with OGC's mission to promote physical activity and inclusivity.

Accessibility has been a key focus of the renovation project, with the addition of two fully accessible washrooms and the repair of automatic door openers at the entrance. These improvements aim to create a more inclusive environment for individuals with diverse needs, reinforcing OGC's commitment to providing a welcoming space for everyone.

The comprehensive Phase One renovations extend beyond program enhancements and accessibility improvements. With new electrical, plumbing, walls, flooring, and HVAC systems, the Ottawa Gymnastics Centre has effectively extended the operational lifespan of its facility by two decades. This investment ensures the safety and vibrancy of the Centre for the community it serves.

As we celebrate the completion of Phase One, the Ottawa Gymnastics Centre is excited to announce Phase Two, which includes a refresh of the lobby area. Over the next two months, this phase will further enhance the overall experience for participants and visitors alike.

The Ottawa Gymnastics Centre expresses its deepest gratitude to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for its invaluable support in making Phase One of this renovation project a reality. The Foundation's commitment to enhancing community spaces aligns seamlessly with OGC's vision, and together, they are fostering a healthier and more inclusive community through sport.

To celebrate this milestone and look forward to Phase Two, the Ottawa Gymnastics Centre will be hosting a recognition event on Family Day, February 19, 2024. Stay tuned for details on this exciting occasion.

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About Ottawa Gymnastics Centre:

Established in 1960, the Ottawa Gymnastics Centre is the oldest operating not-for-profit gymnastics organization in Canada. Located in the heart of Westboro, we offer gymnastics programming for all ages and abilities serving over 3000 members annually. Our mission is to foster enthusiasm for gymnastics while building foundations for sport and life.

About Ontario Trillium Foundation:

The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) is an agency of the Government of Ontario and one of Canada's leading granting foundations. Our investments in communities across the province help build healthy and vibrant communities. Our key funder, the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport enables us to provide grants that can make the greatest impact. OTF also administers grants on behalf of the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services. Last year, \$115 million was invested into more than 644 projects in communities across the province. For more than 30 years, OTF grants have made an impact on the social, cultural and economic well-being of the people of Ontario

