

Caledon council's charity golf tournament aids Bolton Camp

Bolton Camp will be the primary beneficiary of the 2017 Caledon council Community Golf Tournament.

The fundraising goal of the event is to make a minimum contribution of \$75,000 from tournament proceeds to go toward The Hub, a multi-purpose space that can accommodate a variety of community events, indoor sport and educational activities.

"On Canada's 150th, I can't think of a better investment," observed Councillor Jennifer Innis, chair of the Tournament Committee.

"Restoring Bolton Camp will benefit our community for generations."

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) purchased the Bolton Camp property in 2011 and is transforming the site from an overnight camp into a community cultural hub. Built circa 1975, The Hub is the second largest heritage building on site and can accommodate more than 300 users.

"With this funding, we will turn more than 4,000 square feet into a central gathering space for the community," said TRCA CEO Brian Denney. "Restoring The Hub will ensure that TRCA can continue to meet the needs of our rapidly growing community."

The 2017 edition of the tournament will take place Sept. 6. As it has for many years, Osprey Valley Golf Club will host the event.

"This year, we are set to surpass one million dollars in total funds raised over the course of the tournament's 13 year history," said Mayor Allan Thompson. "It's a remarkable testament to the generosity of our sponsors, donors, golfers and volunteers who have made this event such a success. We owe you a million thanks!"

The donation from the tournament follows an earlier contribution from the Town to help build an accessible baseball diamond on the grounds of Bolton Camp. The diamond is a joint project with the TRCA, the Bolton Braves Baseball Association, the Jays Care Foundation and the Town, and will provide children with disabilities a place to play. The total capital budget for the project is \$445,000 which includes \$150,000 from the Jays Care Foundation "Field of Dreams" grant awarded to the Bolton Braves, and \$295,000 in funding support from The Town of Caledon.

Bolton Camp is a former 254-acre summer camp in Bolton that features creeks, forest, trails, a sports field, an outdoor pool and more than 50 historic buildings. TRCA purchased the property in 2011 and is planning to invest in excess of \$25 million over 10 years to transform the historically significant camp space into a cultural community hub that will meet the needs of a growing GTA, and more specifically, the Town of Caledon, for generations to come. With a strong network of partners from across the education, government and social service sectors already working together to redevelop Bolton Camp, the foundation is in place for a unique cultural attraction that honours the heritage aspects of the site.