

From Queen's Park by Sylvia Jones MPP ? Join one of the OTF Grant Review Teams

Many projects and events throughout Dufferin-Caledon, whether they are the completion of the trail system at the Island Lake Conservation Area, the Palgrave Rotary Club's gazebo at the Palgrave Pond or the Orangeville Blues and Jazz Festival, have received funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) for their effort in promoting a healthy and vibrant community. Every year, approximately 1,000 non-profit and charitable organizations across Ontario are awarded more than \$110 million by OTF for community-based initiatives that help build and improve communities across province.

Grant Review Teams are comprised of local volunteers who are looking to help improve their communities through innovative initiatives. Grant Review Teams will spend anywhere from 10 to 20 hours per month reviewing applications for grants and recommending applications they believe will improve their local community. This is a great opportunity for individuals to use their knowledge of our community and assist organizations who make a difference.

Dufferin-Caledon is represented on two Grant Review Teams assessing applications from our local organizations. Currently, the Halton-Peel Grant Review Team and the Waterloo, Wellington, Dufferin Grant Review Team are looking for local individuals to join their teams. I encourage anyone living in the Town of Caledon to apply to join the Halton-Peel Grant Review Team. If you live in Dufferin County, please consider applying to be part of the Waterloo, Wellington, Dufferin Grant Review Team. To apply, please visit the website of the Public Appointments Secretariat at www.pas.gov.on.ca

I also want to encourage local non-profit organizations across Dufferin-Caledon that have wonderful ideas to help improve communities to apply to receive funding from OTF. To apply for a grant, please visit www.otf.ca/apply-grant to understand what type of initiatives OTF will provide grants for, and complete their application.

For more information on the work members of Grant Review Teams do and if you are interested in joining a Grant Review Team, I would be happy to help. For assistance please contact my office at sylvia.jonesco@pc.ola.org or 1-800-265-1603.

