

Golf tournament funds presented to Bolton Camp

By Bill Rea

Caledon Council's annual Golf Tournament, held in September, raised more than \$100,000, and Bolton Camp received a good chunk of that.

Councillors gathered recently to present a cheque for \$91,300 to Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) to be used toward the Reimagining of Bolton Camp.

The 2017 edition of the tournament saw the funds raised for the community pass the \$1 million mark over the years.

The tournament was held once again at Osprey Valley Golf Club near Alton, and Mayor Allan Thompson expressed appreciation for the support and partnership with the club over the last 14 years.

Councillor Jennifer Innis, who was chair of the tournament committee, thanked her colleagues for their support.

She also said the primary beneficiary of this year's tournament was special to her because she sits on the TRCA Board. Having the money go to the Bolton Camp will help the facility's great potential both for the community and the broader region.

Innis also thanked the businesses that helped sponsor the tournament.

"We're never short of sponsors, which I think says something," she remarked.

The Council contribution will help to fulfill one of the most vital elements of Bolton Camp – the renovation of "The Hub," a 4,000 square foot building constructed in 1975 that can accommodate more than 300 users. It will become a central gathering space for the community and will ensure that TRCA can continue to meet the needs of the rapidly growing area.

"On behalf of my Council colleagues I'm so proud of this investment in the Reimagining of Bolton Camp," Innis said. "The Hub is a key component of the project and will help transform the site into a community cultural hub to meet the growing needs of our community and help bring our region together."

"We really greatly value our relationship with the Town," TRCA's new CEO John MacKenzie said at last week's cheque presentation.

He also commented on the "exciting initiative" to create a community cultural hub on the camp property.

"It's a great use of community space," he said. "It's going to be an amazing place to learn and share."

"So many great things have already happened," he added. "Incredible things are going to occur here."



Darryl Gray, Director, Education Training and Outreach with Toronto Region Conservation Authority (TRCA); TRCA CEO John Mackenzie; and Osprey Valley Golf Club General Manager Brad Pinnell joined Mayor Allan Thompson and Councillors Gord McClure, Rob Mezzapelli, Jennifer Innis, Johanna Downey and Doug Beffort for the recent cheque presentation. Photo by Bill Rea