



\$62,900 OTF Grant from the Ontario Government Gives Dutton Dunwich a Home-Run Hit

Dutton, ON – On Monday, a representative on behalf of local MPP Rob Flack met with the Municipality of Dutton Dunwich and Dutton/Dunwich Minor Ball to hear more about the \$62,900 Capital grant from the provincial government's Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) that is being used to renovate Diamond #3 in the Sons of Scotland Park in Dutton. The project will fund replacing the broken backstop on Diamond #3, as well as building new dugouts, with concrete floors, roofs, and brand-new player benches.

"Diamond #3 is getting the upgrades it deserves. Local kids will now have a safer, more accessible place to play baseball, and the whole community benefits from these improvements. It's great to see everyone come together to give more kids the chance to enjoy sports, build friendships, and stay active in a safe environment," said Rob Flack, MPP for Elgin—Middlesex—London.

Diamond #3 in the Sons of Scotland Park did not provide a safe spot for youth to play baseball. The diamond is currently used by Dutton/Dunwich Minor Ball, as well as is an important part of the recreational facilities for the entire community of Dutton/Dunwich.

Past President Lynda Drummelsmith, of Dutton/Dunwich Minor Ball stated these important updates will provide more access to baseball to a larger number of youth in the community. Players previously playing baseball on grassed soccer fields will now have a safe, accessible diamond to play baseball.

The Municipality of Dutton Dunwich and Dutton Dunwich Minor Ball have joined forces as a Diamonds Improvement Committee to find unique solutions to upgrading and improving the recreational baseball facilities in the Sons of Scotland Park for the betterment of the community. Diamond #3 is an important upgrade, as this diamond will now offer a third playing surface suitable for all ages to play baseball.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) is an agency of the Ontario government with a mission to build healthy and vibrant communities across the province. Last year, OTF invested nearly \$105M into 732 community projects and multi-sector partnerships. Projects aim to enhance economic well-being, foster more active lifestyles, support child and youth development, provide spaces for people to come together and connect, and create a more sustainable environment. Visit otf.ca to learn more.

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