



# TOWNSHIP OF ZORRA

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## NEWS RELEASE

### **Thamesford Area Swimming Pool Plans to Celebrate the Completion of Renovations - thanks to an Ontario150 Community Capital Program grant!**

#### **NEWS**

The Thamesford Area Swimming Pool will celebrate the completion of renovations to the pool with a Community Free Public Swim on Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> from 12:00pm to 4:00pm. This will be a great opportunity to check out all of the recent improvements made at the pool thanks to a \$100,000 Ontario150 Community Capital grant that was awarded earlier this year to the Township of Zorra. Local MPP Ernie Hardeman, Mayor Margaret Lupton and a volunteer from the Ontario Trillium Foundation will be there at 12:30pm for a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Administered by the Ontario Trillium Foundation, an agency of the Government of Ontario, Ontario150 Community Capital Program grants are helping non-profit organizations, municipalities and Indigenous communities renovate, repair and retrofit existing community and cultural infrastructure. The one-time, Ontario150 grant has been designed to help honour Ontario's past, showcase the present and inspire future generations.

#### **QUOTES**

“Swimming pools provide an excellent space for the community to come together to have fun, get fit, and learn a life skill. I'm pleased that the OTF grant allowed the Township to make improvements so the pool can continue to provide these opportunities for years to come.”

- *Ernie Hardeman, MPP for Oxford*

“This funding allowed the Township to renovate our outdoor recreation pool that has been well-used and enjoyed over the years and will ensure that it continues to serve the community needs well into the future.”

- *Margaret Lupton, Mayor of Zorra Township*

#### **BACKGROUND**

Located in the heart of southwestern Ontario, Zorra Township has a population of approximately 8,300 people in a rural/urban setting. The Thamesford Area Swimming Pool has been serving residents of Zorra Township since it opened in 1972.

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