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**Town of Pelham receives \$951,750 to support two community infrastructure projects**

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**Pelham, ON** – The Town of Pelham is revitalizing two community spaces with \$951,750 in support from the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario Canada Community Revitalization Fund (CCRF). The two projects include the Centennial Park Tennis courts and the addition of accessible washrooms and a community room adjacent to Peace Park.

Peace Park in Fonthill, is a central location for Pelham recreation. Town Hall, located adjacent to the park, is currently undergoing an addition to add fully accessible washrooms, an accessible covered entryway, and indoor community spaces. The renovation to Town Hall will allow access to the restrooms and community room directly from Peace Park. The park, home to the Pelham Farmers' Market, Summer Chill series, Summerfest and the Thursday night Bandshell concerts, hosts thousands of residents and visitors from spring to fall each year. These permanent improvements will enhance accessibility for all residents participating in recreation activities.

"These are exciting improvements and additions for Pelham," said Town of Pelham Director of Recreation Culture and Wellness Vickie vanRavenswaay. "The courts and washroom facilities are much-needed amenities and improvements to the outdoor spaces the community enjoys."

The Pelham Tennis Courts project, which began in the spring of 2022, included the resurfacing, stabilization and repainting of the pre-existing courts. The community utilizes the courts throughout the season and hosts open court times, lessons, clubs, leagues and tournaments. The newly completed courts will allow tennis players of all ages and abilities to participate.

With a national investment of \$500 million over two years, the [Canada Community Revitalization Fund](#) supports projects that build new community infrastructure and revitalize existing assets, bring people back to public spaces safely and stimulate local economies. The investment includes \$139 million for projects in southern Ontario, delivered by FedDev Ontario.

Further information on the tennis courts is available at [www.pelham.ca/tennis](http://www.pelham.ca/tennis). Residents can view more on the Town Hall renovation project for Peace Park at [www.pelham.ca/townhallrenovation](http://www.pelham.ca/townhallrenovation)

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