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Leadership Thunder Bay used \$32,800 OTF Grant to Support COVID-19 Recovery Efforts

Thunder Bay, ON (August 31, 2023) – On Thursday, MPP Kevin Holland met with representatives from Leadership Thunder Bay to hear how a \$32,800 Resilient Communities Fund grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) has made a difference as the non-profit group rebounds from the impacts from the pandemic. The grant, awarded in 2022, has enabled Leadership Thunder Bay to continue its mission to develop, strengthen and connect leaders to and within the community.

“For over two decades, Leadership Thunder Bay has been helping to shape the future of our community by leadership development. During the pandemic, the Ontario Trillium Foundation provided \$32,800 to enable them to continue to provide this vital service. Leadership Thunder Bay’s mission is to develop, strengthen and connect leaders in our community. This was never more important than when businesses and organizations faced the challenges of COVID. I am proud of our Government’s commitment to ensuring that this organization could adapt and maintain the excellent services they provide to Thunder Bay and the region.” **-MPP Kevin Holland, Thunder Bay – Atikokan**

The Ontario Trillium Foundation's grant comes at a crucial moment, as Leadership Thunder Bay marked its 20th year of empowering individuals and organizations to lead with resilience and vision. Throughout its two-decade journey, Leadership Thunder Bay has remained steadfast in its commitment to nurturing a skilled and engaged community leadership force and thanks to the grant, it was able to help cover costs for staffing, online facilitators and some administrative expenses as well.

Since the onset of the pandemic, workplaces have faced challenges adapting to a changing landscape. By continuing to offer the Leadership Thunder Bay Program at a reduced class size, the organization has helped to support dozens of businesses and organizations within its community in providing community-based leadership training and collaboration opportunities for their employees.

Leadership Thunder Bay extends its heartfelt appreciation to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for its support and commitment to building resilient communities across the province. The organization remains dedicated to fostering strong partnerships and implementing impactful initiatives that uplift individuals, organizations, and the broader community.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF), an agency of the Government of Ontario, and one of Canada’s leading granting foundations celebrates 40 years of grant-making in Ontario and making a lasting impact in communities. Last year, OTF invested over \$110M into 1,022 community projects and partnerships. Visit otf.ca to learn more.

[Leadership Thunder Bay](https://www.leadershiptb.com) is a charitable non-profit organization that provides leadership development opportunities for individuals, organizations, and businesses in Thunder Bay. For more information about Leadership Thunder Bay and the Leadership Thunder Bay Program, please visit www.leadershiptb.com.

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