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OTF Grant Supports the Literary Centre and Interpretive Trail Study

Halton Hills, ON – In 2020, the Heritage Foundation of Halton Hills received a \$75,000 Seed Grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation to examine the feasibility of creating a literary centre and interpretive literary trail dedicated to Lucy Maud Montgomery in Norval, Ontario. The project was completed in July 2021 and provides the foundation for the development of a business plan and financial model for the future Lucy Maud Montgomery Museum and Literary Centre.

“I want to express our thanks to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for helping to fund this feasibility study,” said Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott. *“Lucy Maud Montgomery’s work is central to Canadian literature, and she remains one of our best-loved authors. We celebrate the years she lived in Norval and want to share that legacy with the world.”*

“The impact of this Ontario Trillium Foundation Seed Grant cannot be underestimated as we believe that space for cultural expression is essential for all people,” said Lois Fraser, Chair of the Heritage Foundation of Halton Hills. *“This grant has allowed our organization to work with expert cultural leaders that engaged our community in helping us to define the future Literary Centre space, programming, interpretation, and operations, and also understanding the interpretation of the surrounding environment in planning a literary trail in Norval.”*

“The Feasibility Study considered the built environment and surrounding village, and plans are to preserve the cultural heritage through animated exhibits celebrating the life, the writing, and the cultural impact of Lucy Maud Montgomery,” said Foundation Director Kathy Gastle. *“The Interpretive Literary Trail plans to feature elements of Montgomery’s journals and book writings pertaining to her time in Norval. Thanks to the \$75,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, more people will be able to connect with culture, heritage and the arts as this project evolves.”*

[The Heritage Foundation of Halton Hills](#) is committed to preserving the built heritage environment and ensuring that in planning and defining the appropriate new spaces, that the Literary Centre is accessible for many community activities and programming in the future.

[The Ontario Trillium Foundation](#) (OTF) is an agency of the Government of Ontario, and one of Canada’s leading granting foundations. Last year, nearly \$112M was invested into 1,384 community projects and partnerships to build healthy and vibrant communities and strengthen the impact of Ontario’s non-profit sector. In 2020/21, OTF supported Ontario’s economic recovery by helping non-profit organizations rebuild and recover from the impacts of COVID-19. Visit otf.ca to learn more.

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