



Media Release

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Kingston, Ontario – On Friday February 21, 2021 the Tett Centre for Creativity and Learning welcomed members of the public to a gathering to celebrate the completion of the renovated Activity Room space within the city-owned JK Tett heritage building. Local MPP Ian Arthur and OTF Grant Review Team member Cheryl Knott were on hand to congratulate the Tett Centre and hear more about how the \$5900 grant helped the independent charity, who operates the building, to further enrich community's lives through the arts.

"I want to congratulate the Tett Centre for Creativity and Learning for receiving Ontario Trillium Grant Funding to complete a number of renovations and to purchase kitchen appliances," said Ian Arthur, MPP for Kingston and the Islands. "The Tett Centre is an amazing building, hosting multiple not-for-profit organizations and several spaces for public rental. It is part of a hub of venues that enriches Kingston's culture through the hosting of artistic and musical events as well as resident artists. Congratulations!"

As part of the renovation, upgrades included a refinished floor, the purchase of more storage, and a properly equipped kitchenette for the users of the community space. The Activity Room is one of the Tett Centre's rental spaces which help sustain operations. It is used for a variety of programming by many different community organizations for artistic workshops and meetings.

"I'd like to express our deep gratitude to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for the funding to enable this significant upgrade to the activity room, and indeed for your support going right back to the year that we opened our doors," David Kerr, Chair of the Tett Centre for Creativity and Learning's Board of Directors said.

Nadine Baker, Facility Manager, and Susanna Gordon, Rentals Coordinator, spoke about the impact of this grant, which allowed the Tett Centre to renovate its space.

"This is one of our rental spaces, and the intention was to broaden the audience and to make sure that people from the community were coming and using the space," Nadine Baker, Facility Manager, said.

The Tett Centre for Creativity and Learning is a charitable arts organization that independently operates a beautiful city-owned heritage building on Kingston's waterfront. Its mission to be a welcoming destination where the community can come together to explore, create, and be inspired is further fulfilled by the fresh upgrades to the Tett's well-loved Activity Room. The Tett Centre is committed to ensuring that it remains affordable for the community. If you wish to inquire about the Activity Room at the Tett Centre, please visit the website at: www.tettcentre.org

The [Ontario Trillium Foundation](http://www.ontario.ca) (OTF) is an agency of the Government of Ontario, and one of Canada's leading granting foundations. OTF awarded \$108 million to 629 projects last year to build healthy and vibrant communities in Ontario.

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