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REACT Organization Enhances their Communications Thanks to \$39,800 OTF Grant

Waterloo, Ontario – Waterloo Regional REACT will be introducing their new radios today, thanks to a \$39,800 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF). Elizabeth Witmer, MPP for Kitchener-Waterloo, joined OTF representative Peter Hinchcliffe in congratulating REACT at a special meeting of the organization.

“I am delighted that Waterloo Regional REACT is receiving a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation,” said MPP Witmer. “This funding will enable the volunteer organization to continue playing a vital role in the emergency response system for the region of Waterloo.”

The OTF grant was used to purchase new radios that will enhance the organization's technological capacity and its support to over 40 community events attended by 40,000 people across Waterloo Region annually. “We are deeply honoured and grateful to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for its outstanding commitment and contribution to public safety in our community,” said REACT President Rick Weisler.

Established in 1972, Waterloo Regional REACT provides a “safety umbrella” at over 40 community-sponsored events per year, as well as providing volunteer support and specialized equipment to the various emergency services at over 30 emergency scenes per year. It offers services such as CPR, AED, and Oxygen – all of which are provided by volunteers who are certified at the First Responder and First Aid qualification levels.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation is an agency of the Government of Ontario. For over 25 years, the Foundation has supported the growth and vitality of communities across the province. It continues to strengthen the capacity of the volunteer sector through investments in community-based initiatives. For more information, please visit www.trilliumfoundation.org.

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