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New Pool Pod improves accessibility at Peterborough Sport and Wellness Centre

A new portable Pool Pod that can assist people with mobility impairments to independently get in and out of a pool has been installed at the Peterborough Sport and Wellness Centre thanks to a \$50,000 grant from Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities.

The City of Peterborough was selected as one of nine inaugural Jumpstart Accessibility Grant recipients for the Pool Pod project, improving the accessibility of the community facility.

The new lift equipment improves the ability of people with mobility impairments to independently use the leisure pool, where previously they may have required assistance from a lifeguard. The Pool Pod provides safe, efficient access to the pool, allowing more people to enter and exit the pool in a short period of time. This will enhance the Centre's ability to develop specific recreational and therapeutic pool programming for people with physical disabilities.



Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities is a national charity dedicated to helping kids overcome financial and accessibility barriers to sport and recreation in an effort to provide inclusive play for kids of all abilities.

“Jumpstart Accessibility Grants were created to help kids of all abilities enjoy and participate in sports and recreation in their communities,” said Scott Fraser, President, Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities. “We are proud to see this vision come to life in Peterborough as more residents can now experience barrier-free access to the local pool.”

With the installation of the Pool Pod, Chelsey Gray, Aquatics Coordinator indicates, “work has begun to develop and deliver specialized aquatics programming supporting recreational and therapeutic participants. Our new programming will support children, families and agencies such as Five Counties Children’s Centre with recreational and therapeutic adapted swim lessons.”

The Peterborough Sport and Wellness Centre has a full gymnasium, walking track, fitness centre and multi-purpose rooms, which offer full accessibility and access to specialized equipment, including accessible fitness equipment.

This information is also available on the City of Peterborough website www.peterborough.ca.

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About Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities

Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities is a national charity dedicated to helping kids overcome financial and accessibility barriers to sport and recreation in an effort to provide inclusive play for kids of all abilities. With an extensive, national network of more than 2,100 Community Partners and 275 local chapters, Jumpstart helps eligible families cover the costs of registration, transportation, and equipment, and provides funding to selected organizations for recreational infrastructure and programming. Supported by the Government of Canada through Sport Canada and the Canadian Tire Family of Companies, Jumpstart has enabled 1.8 million Canadian kids and counting to get in the game since 2005. For more information, visit jumpstart.canadiantire.ca.

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