

BLUE FINS LAUNCH SUMMER PROGRAM WITH TRILLIUM GRANT

The Halton Hills Blue Fins were able to offer year-round programming for the first time, thanks to a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

The club received a \$40,500 grant as part of the resilient communities fund. The club, which had never offered programs through the summer months, launched an open water pilot program for 24 swimmers. It was the first opportunity to train in open water for most of the swimmers as well as providing a preseason training opportunity.

The club was able to offer the program at minimal cost to the swimmers thanks to the grant. Based on the success of the program, the Blue Fins will continue the program, expanding the opportunity to the entire club.

The club was also able



The Halton Hills Blue Fins received an Ontario Trillium Foundation grant, which it used to start an open water swim program.

Halton Hills Blue Fins photo

to hold a head-to-head clinic, allowing club members to train with and learn

from an Olympic medalist.

The grant allowed the

club to bring in a nutritionist to make a presentation to the club's swimmers to

not only help them achieve their goals but also improve their overall health.

"The value of the programs the club was able to offer to our developing athletes via the OTF grant is immeasurable," said Codrut Vulpoi, president of the Halton Hills Blue Fins. "This grant has allowed our athletes experiences, education and support to foster their love of swimming and to reach for higher goals. It has given them tools for continued advancement."

The Blue Fins is a not-for-profit swim club and competitive team that provides opportunities for athletes of all ages to reach their potential through swimming.

"The Halton Hills Blue Fins club gives swimmers outstanding support and encouragement, and their activities have been greatly enhanced by this funding," said Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott.



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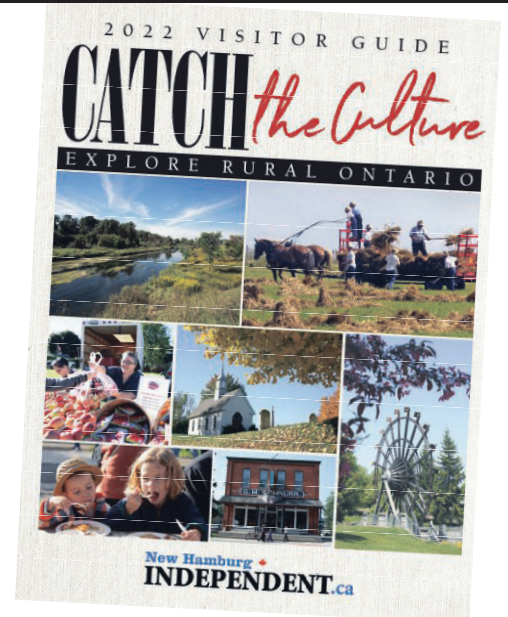
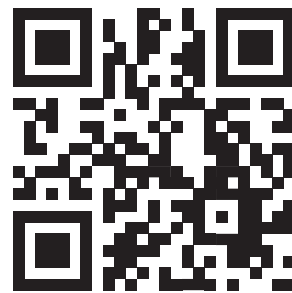
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