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Cambridge Speed Skating Club Blazes Trail with New Mats Thanks to \$56,100 OTF Grant

Mats Meet New Level 4 Protection to Support Athlete Safety Improvements

Speed skaters racing today in the first meet of the Provincial Racing Series hosted by Cambridge Speed Skating club, felt much safer during their races thanks to the new safety mats purchased with a \$56,100 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF). MPP for Cambridge, Mr. Rob Leone joined Mark Miyasaki, President of Cambridge Speed Skating Club at the Ceremony marking the mats' debut. "I am thrilled to see the Ontario Trillium Foundation giving generously to help prevent concussions and promote concussion awareness in amateur sport. Allowing children to exercise, learn and compete safely should be the foundation of all athletic competition across the province, and I'm thrilled to have that happening right here in Cambridge," said Mr. Rob Leone in his statement.

The new mats on display meet Speed Skating Canada's "Red Book" new Level 4 protection to support Athlete Safety Improvements. With the grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, Cambridge Speed Skating Club has become the first speed skating club in Canada to meet the Level 4 requirements of Speed Skating Canada's safety initiative. "Cambridge Speed Skating wants to thank Speed Skating Canada for their foresight in developing the new mat specifications to make our sport safer for all athletes and future Olympians. The support from Ontario Trillium Foundation demonstrates our Province's commitment to children in Ontario for being active and safe," stated Mr. Vince Carruthers the VP of Facilities and Equipment for Cambridge Speed Skating Club.

Celebrating its 40th year in the Cambridge community, Cambridge Speed Skating Club is dedicated to seeing youth participate in and become competitive in the sport of speed skating. For more information about the Cambridge Speed Skating Club, please visit www.cambridgespeedskating.ca or contact Mark Miyasaki, President of Cambridge Speed Skating at mark@cambridgespeedskating.ca.

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