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Province Provides Funding For Trenton Scottish Irish Festival

Quinte West; The Trenton Scottish Irish Festival will expand this year thanks to funding from the Celebrate Ontario program.

The City will receive \$16,500 to support enhancements to the event, including shuttle bus service, tourism packages, more children's activities, high quality entertainment and an expansion of the heavy events competition.

"The festival recently won the bid to host the Canadian Scottish Athletic Federation Women's Heavy Event Championship," said Beth Cleaton, Chair of the Trenton Scottish Irish Festival Committee. "This competition will feature the nation's 10 best female heavy event athletes in eight scored events. Funding from Celebrate Ontario will help offset the costs involved with this exciting opportunity."

"This year's festival will run from September 9-10, offering two full days of entertainment in Centennial Park," added Karen Parker, Special Events Coordinator. "Residents and visitors can expect to find all the fun-filled activities they have come to love about the event – a parade showcasing Canada's finest Pipes & Drum Bands/Brass & Reed Bands, Celtic food, vendors, demonstrations, highland dancing, music from local and nationally renowned performers, and a Celtic Heritage Tent."

"The Trenton Scottish Irish Festival is a signature event for Quinte West which generates thousands of dollars in visitor spending annually," said Quinte West Mayor Jim Harrison. "We are extremely pleased that the province has recognized the local impact of this festival and have chosen to invest in it."

For more information on the Trenton Scottish Irish Festival, visit www.trentonscottishirish.com.

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