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Nipissing MPP Monique Smith

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North Bay, ON – The Wasi Cross Country Ski Club received a visit from Nipissing MPP Monique Smith in recognition of a \$46,800 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) they received in November 2008. MPP Smith congratulated the group on their success and surveyed the beautiful surroundings of the Wasi Cross Country Ski Club.

“Cross country skiing is a great way to stay active and enjoy the outdoors during the winter season,” said Smith, MPP for Nipissing. “Cross country skiers will certainly benefit from the enhanced grooming of the trails at the Wasi Cross Country Ski Club.”

The club is using the one-year grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation to buy new equipment, make improvements to the trail system and add new parking spaces to accommodate the increased numbers of skiers at the club. The new equipment will allow club volunteers to better maintain the trails throughout the year. The significant trail work will allow for safer skiing and better position us to maintain the trails when mild weather conditions occur.

Wasi Cross Country Ski Club was founded in 1987 with a mandate to provide family-oriented recreational cross country skiing in a pristine wilderness setting. The volunteer-led ski club has gone from weekends only to an every day facility during the ski season. For more information, please visit [www.wasiski.com](http://www.wasiski.com).

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. OTF continues to strengthen the capacity of the volunteer sector through investments in community-based initiatives. For more information, please visit [www.trilliumfoundation.org](http://www.trilliumfoundation.org).

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