

## Ontario Sport and Recreation Communities Fund: Welland Indoor Paddle Tank Receives Government Support

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Welland youth, Riley Caron (age 6), excitedly paddles for the first time at the Welland Indoor Paddle Tank during the One Year Celebration to Toronto 2015 Pan Am / Parapan American Games held on July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

*Photo Credit: Anthony Gallaccio*

Welland, ON – The Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) is supporting increased opportunities for participation, building physical literacy as the foundation for lifelong activity and strengthening the capacity of the sport & recreation sector through the Ontario Sport and Recreation Communities Fund 2014 – 2015. The Welland Recreational Canal Corporation is excited to announce the Welland Indoor Paddle Tank Program has been awarded funding from this program in the amount of \$100,000 over the next 2 years.

MTCS recognizes that providing Ontarians with opportunities to

engage in community sport, recreation and physical activity is critical to improving quality of life. Research demonstrates that sustained physical activity contributes to long lasting benefits such as physical, mental, emotional and social well being, thereby strengthening personal development in the diverse communities in which we live.

The OSRCF funding will provide support for tank equipment and staffing to engage various community programming initiatives along with strength and conditioning equipment for the designated gym area to further improve the training venue. The tank will begin its programming on October 18<sup>th</sup> and caters to Dragon Boat, Rowing, Canoe Sprint and Kayak Sprint.

For more information regarding the WRCC, please visit [www.canalcorp.ca](http://www.canalcorp.ca)

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