

# News Release

## THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF GREATER KINGSTON HELPS RECREATION FACILITIES NEAR CROW LAKE VILLAGE

MANOTICK, December 8, 2006 — The Community Foundation of Greater Kingston recently announced a donation of \$5,000 to the Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation for completion of a public bridge in the Meisel Woods Conservation Area at Crow Lake Village in Central Frontenac. The new bridge, on the idyllic “Sandi Slater Memorial Walk”, is an environmental project destined to unite the recreational trails on both sides of Beaver Lake. The trail was started by Joe Slater, John Meisel and the Crow Lake community volunteers in memory of Joe’s wife, an avid supporter and regular visitor to the Conservation Area.

The Meisel Woods Conservation Area itself resulted from a gift of land several years ago from Dr. John Meisel, Professor Emeritus and well-known philanthropist in the Queens University and Greater Kingston community. Thanks to the generosity of the Community Foundation, a new outdoor recreational facility is well underway for the benefit of residents and visitors in the Crow Lake Village area.

To date, facilities include a five kilometre nature trail, a parking lot, an information kiosk and comfort benches along the trail. The gift from the Community Foundation allows us to complete the bridge construction over Beaver Creek giving visitors full access to this beautiful piece of Canadian Shield which many consider worthy of inspiration to the Group of Seven.

The Community Foundation of Greater Kingston enhances and strengthens the quality of life in our community through: the administration of entrusted funds held in perpetuity, flexible donor services, and visionary grantmaking. We offer sincere thanks to the Community Foundation on behalf of the people of the Rideau Valley watershed.

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