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**Frank Cowan Company Home Town Program & Gillons Insurance Supports
Lake of the Woods Museum with \$10,000 Donation**

Princeton, ON – The Muse, formerly the Lake of the Woods Museum, is expanding to include an art centre that incorporates an existing heritage building with a new addition. The project is receiving a \$10,000 donation from the Frank Cowan Company and Gillons Insurance as part of the Home Town Program.

The art centre will be a space for people to admire, learn about and create art. It will have two gallery spaces, a studio, programming and public space. Its collection will be built upon an initial donation of artworks created by renowned Canadian artist Walter J. Phillips, specifically his Lake of the Woods watercolours, woodcuts and wood engravings. The dynamic new art space will play host to local, regional, First Nations and national exhibits. It will also encourage imagination, creation, partnerships and community spirit through public programming.



In photo: Andrew Koch, Gillons Insurance

Quotes:

Larry Ryan, President, Frank Cowan Company

“Frank Cowan Company and Gillons Insurance are proud to be able to enhance the availability and access to arts programs at the Lake of the Woods Museum. The community will surely benefit greatly from the addition.”

Lori Nelson, Director of The Muse

“On behalf of The Muse Board and Staff, I would like to express my thanks to Frank Cowan Company for their generous donation to Kenora’s new Art Centre. We anticipate that the Douglas Family Art

Centre will be a vital addition to Kenora’s cultural scene and a place where the community’s residents and visitors will find enjoyment, education, and entertainment.”

Quote from Gillons

“Thanks to the Frank Cowan Company Home Town Program we are able to further support such an exciting community initiative for the Kenora area. Giving back to the communities where we live and work in Northwestern Ontario has always been a priority of Gillons Insurance Brokers. We look forward to the programming of the new Douglas Family Art Centre in Kenora and experiencing its impact on our communities.”

Mary D’Alton, Executive Director, The Cowan Foundation

“The Frank Cowan Company Home Town Program has allowed for both numerous and varied grassroots projects and community improvements to be implemented across the county,” says Mary D’Alton, Executive Director, The Cowan Foundation. “We are proud to continue our support of this municipal-focused program for the third consecutive year, which positively impacts the lives of Canadians and the well-being of our communities.”

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About The Home Town Program

The Frank Cowan Company Home Town Program gives financial support to municipal-related community focused, grassroots initiatives across Canada that help to improve the safety and quality of life in the communities that the Company insures. This program is made possible through the collaboration of Frank Cowan Company business partners and The Cowan Foundation.

About Frank Cowan Company

Frank Cowan Company is a Canadian leader in providing specialized insurance programs, including risk management and claims services for municipalities and public service, healthcare, education, community, children’s and social service organizations across Canada.

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