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### **Local literacy non-profit awarded Peter Gzowski Foundation for Literacy grant**

**Ottawa, Ontario** – [People, Words & Change](#) is proud to announce it has been awarded a [Peter Gzowski Foundation for Literacy](#) grant to enable it to help more people.

The grant will allow the Ottawa charitable organization to update its website and create a new rack card and video that will ensure it has effective outreach tools in place to raise awareness of its literacy and basic skills tutoring program.

“We are absolutely thrilled to receive this grant in honour of the late award-winning Canadian journalist Peter Gzowski,” said PWC Executive Director Dee Sullivan. “It will help us reach more adults in our community who need one-on-one support to improve their basic reading, writing, numeracy, or computer skills.”

One of Canada’s most beloved broadcasters and host of CBC Radio’s “Morningside,” Peter Gzowski (1934-2002) devoted years of his life to raising awareness of adult literacy issues. To continue his work, the Peter Gzowski Foundation for Literacy grants support Canadian literacy initiatives to build capacity or enhance existing promising practices. Grants may also be used for operational expenses. As part of the [2024 grants program](#), PWC was among 16 organizations across Canada awarded \$20,000 each, including six from Ontario.

“We are grateful to the Peter Gzowski Foundation for Literacy for the support to continue our vital work providing learners essential skills that will boost their confidence and unlock doors for them in their professional and personal lives,” said Margaret MacDonald, President of the PWC Board of Directors.

PWC is an Employment Ontario program that is unique among literacy programs in Ottawa in that it provides free one-on-one tutoring tailored to each learner’s needs. Its computer skills program is also unique due to its small class size and the individual attention learners receive, allowing them to learn at their own pace and gain the digital skills they need for success in their next steps.



Adult literacy, one-on-one

### **About People, Words & Change**

People, Words & Change is a non-profit, charitable organization providing opportunities for English-speaking adults in Ottawa to improve literacy, numeracy or basic computer skills that are essential to working, learning and living. One-on-one tutoring is provided free of charge by volunteer tutors to meet the needs and goals of the learners.

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