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The Town of Ingersoll Acquires 78 acres from Grobrook Farms.

Ingersoll, ON January 4, 2024– The Town of Ingersoll announces a significant expansion of its recreational and green spaces by acquiring 78 acres of land in a groundbreaking purchase and sale agreement with Grobrook Farms. This remarkable collaboration not only marks a new chapter in the Town's development but also reinforces the commitment to community well-being and enhancing the quality of life for residents.

Under the purchase and sale agreement terms, the Town of Ingersoll has secured 78 acres of land on the southeast edge of the Town limits. The acquisition includes a generous donation from Grobrook Farms, demonstrating their dedication to supporting local communities and preserving green spaces.

At least 30 acres of the acquired land will be designated for open space and recreational purposes, further enriching Ingersoll's outdoor activities and leisure offerings. This expansion aligns with the Town's vision of creating accessible and inclusive spaces that cater to residents' diverse needs and interests. The balance of the lands will be available for future consideration of use for the Town. As stipulated in the agreement, Grobrook Farms will have the opportunity to contribute input to the naming of the recreational facilities.

Discussion on financing the development of a new Multi-Use Recreation Centre (MURC) will be included in a report scheduled for presentation to Council on Monday, January 8th, 2024. This facility, outlined in the recently approved multi-year budget by Council, is scheduled to commence construction in 2026. In the report to be considered by Council, staff have identified that the recently secured parcel of land not only mirrors the advantages of the initially selected location for the MURC but also presents a surplus of recreational space. This surplus could allow for recreational fields alongside the new MURC, establishing economies of scale for the recreation department.

Further, staff note in the report that the integration of extra recreational space would not only enhance overall recreational offerings but also create operational efficiencies for the Town's recreation program. This acquisition could have a ripple effect that could extend beyond recreational benefits. Approximately 12 acres of industrial land could be available for sale. This could open up exciting opportunities for future industries to establish themselves in Ingersoll, fostering economic growth, job creation, and additional industrial assessment.

The Town of Ingersoll looks forward to working closely with Grobrook Farms and the community to transform this land into vibrant, welcoming spaces for future generations.

Quotes

"In extending our heartfelt appreciation to the Grobrook Farms, we acknowledge their unwavering commitment to giving back to the community. Their generosity has set Ingersoll on a firm and stable path, ensuring the continuity of reliable services for our community."

- *Mayor Brian Pietrie, Town of Ingersoll*

"We are delighted to play a role in expanding the green spaces within the Town of Ingersoll. Our donation is a reflection of our commitment to sustainable development and the well-being of the residents. We look forward to seeing the positive impact these enhanced recreational areas will have on the community."

- *Nick Groot, part owner of Grobrook.*

About the Town of Ingersoll

Nestled in the heart of southwestern Ontario, the Town of Ingersoll is a vibrant community with a population of 13,000. As a forward-thinking municipal government, Ingersoll is a strong, diverse, green, and sustainable community that respects our people, honours our past and shapes our future. From cultural venues, such as museums, theatres, and art galleries, to outdoor adventures, such as hiking, cycling, fishing, and snowmobiling, you'll find what you are looking for in Ingersoll.

Ingersoll's Town Hall, centrally located in the heart of our community, serves as a hub for accessible and responsive municipal services. Stay connected with us online through our official website, www.ingersoll.ca, and follow our social media channels at @townofingersoll. Explore our strategic vision for Ingersoll in our [Strategic Plan](#).

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