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About the Business

Located at 11 King Street West, Unit 1, Arkain Games & Hobbies is Ingersoll's home for tabletop gaming, trading cards, RPGs, miniatures, and all things hobby-related. The shop doesn't just sell games, it provides a welcoming space for players of all ages to gather, learn, and connect.

With free-to-use gaming tables and a growing library of board games available for rent, Arkain has become a hub for creativity and community connection. Whether you're painting miniatures, rolling dice in a Dungeons & Dragons campaign, or joining a trading card tournament, Arkain offers a friendly environment where fun and imagination meet.

The Story Behind Arkain

Owner Kyron grew up in Ingersoll before spending time in London, where he realized that the fast pace of the city couldn't compete with the warmth of small-town life. On a walk through Ingersoll one day, he noticed several empty storefronts downtown, and the vision for a community-focused game store took shape.

After years of setbacks due to pandemic restrictions and location issues, his dream finally became reality. On December 1, 2023, Arkain Games & Hobbies officially opened its doors, following two and a half months of nonstop preparation. What began as an idea to bring "something fun to do" to town has grown into a thriving entertainment space where everyone is welcome to play.

Community Commitment

Arkain is built on connection both through games and through giving back. The store proudly sponsors local events such as fundraisers for Royal Roads Public School and the Good for the Soil Festival, and partners with other small businesses whenever possible.

Inside the store, you'll find more than just players, you'll find a community. Arkain regularly hosts learn-to-paint days, board game open houses, drop-in ornament decorating, and even late-night events like their New Year's Gaming Party, which drew more than 50 participants and was featured in the local paper.

For many, Arkain is a place to find new friends and rediscover the joy of in-person connection. The store has even hosted special events like Dungeons & Dragons-themed birthday parties, giving young fans a magical experience they'll never forget.

Milestones & Achievements

In its first year, Arkain has already achieved remarkable milestones:

- Grand Opening: December 1, 2023, after years of planning and perseverance.
- One-Year Anniversary Celebration: A record-breaking weekend of gaming and sales.
- New Year's Party: Over 50 guests playing into the early hours, showcasing the power of community and creativity.
- Rapid Growth: Outgrowing its 1,400 sq. ft. space within a year — with plans for a larger, permanent location coming soon!

Products & Services

Arkain offers everything a tabletop gamer could dream of, including:

- Trading card games like Magic: The Gathering and Pokémon
- Board games, RPGs, miniatures, and hobby supplies
- An open-order system for hard-to-find items
- A Discord community for networking and event updates
- A busy calendar of tournaments, open play nights, and workshops

Every product line and event is shaped by guest feedback, ensuring that the store grows hand-in-hand with its player.

Fun Fact

Kyron jokes that employee Tyler earned the title of "Court Wizard" after discovering how to turn gold into lead (and perhaps shorten his lifespan in the process). His sense of humour and passion for community shine through in everything Arkain does.

HOMETOWN FAVOURITES

When it comes to local favourites, he gives shout-outs to Dino's, Golden Chinese, The Olde Bakery Café, Evergreen, Heavenly Sweets, Aftermath Tattoo Studios, and P.B.'s Fries — a list that perfectly reflects his appreciation for Ingersoll's small-town spirit and culinary scene

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