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Town of Ingersoll Advances Multi-Use Recreation Centre (MURC) Project

Ingersoll, ON April 22, 2025 — The Town of Ingersoll is making significant progress on the development of the new Multi-Use Recreation Centre (MURC), a comprehensive regional initiative designed to serve residents across the area.

The MURC project, which emerged as the highest priority during the Town's strategic review process, is moving forward with key partnerships and a campus model approach that will benefit families, seniors, and the broader community.

Project leadership has been secured with Colliers Project Leaders managing the development, Dillon Consulting providing planning and engineering expertise, and Ball Construction selected as the Progressive Design Build Team.

The innovative campus design will integrate several complementary facilities, including:

- A proposed new school and daycare facility in partnership with Thames Valley District School Board
- A long-term care home in collaboration with peopleCare
- Shared services infrastructure to maximize operational efficiency and community support

Site preparation is already underway. Multiple site surveys have been completed along with planning infrastructure improvements by Oxford County to accommodate increased traffic, including a new roundabout at the intersection of Harris Street and Clarke Road.

The MURC project aims to expand programming opportunities and recreational space for residents of all ages, creating a central location for education, recreation, and community care services. The facility itself will encompass the following components:

- Walking Track
- Gymnasium
- Single Pad Arena (with option to double)
- Multipurpose Hall
- Community Rooms

The facility is expected to open in Spring 2027 to meet strict funding timelines. Alternative financing options could potentially delay construction, with details to be publicly disclosed when available. Additional construction updates and project timelines will be communicated regularly as development progresses. For more information visit, www.ingersoll.ca/murc-project

Quotes

“The new multi-use recreation facility stood out as the number one item in our strategic plan. Through dedicated collaboration between Council and staff, we've successfully aligned all necessary pieces and partners to transform this vision into reality. This landmark project extends far beyond recreation—it creates spaces that will serve not only our community's needs, but those of our broader region and province. My heartfelt gratitude goes out to our community and to all partners who have made this remarkable achievement possible.”

- Mayor Brian Petrie, Town of Ingersoll

“Dillon is thrilled about the chance to work on such a pivotal site, which is set to become a key center of activity in the future. The MURC is an incredibly exciting project, and we’re eager to maintain our partnership with the Town of Ingersoll. It’s always great to have the opportunity to work on meaningful projects in the local communities where our employees live and play.”

- Jason Johnston, Partner, Dillion Consulting Limited

“Ball Construction is excited to lead our team for this Progressive Design Build project for the Town of Ingersoll. It will be a collaborative approach to designing a building that meets the Town’s budget and program requirements. We will also ensure that necessary planning and design consideration of operation and maintenance of the building for years to come are at the top of the priority list. We will utilize local companies to complete the work and supply the materials so we can support the local economy. We are excited to get started on this process and look forward to working with the Town.”

- Rod Aitken, Vice President – Preconstruction, Ball Construction

“The Thames Valley District School Board supports Ingersoll’s growing community. We know a new elementary school is needed and we’re thrilled that a proposed new school – once approved by the Ministry of Education – will be located near the Multi-Use Recreational Centre (MURC). This will make it a part of a vibrant hub of community activity and resources. We submitted a business case for a new school to the Ministry of Education in fall 2024 will continue to advocate for approval until this project becomes a reality.”

- Bill Tucker, Interim Director of Education, Thames Valley District School Board

“The MURC and the proposed new school in Ingersoll are powerful examples of collaboration between municipalities and TVDSB. These modern facilities will serve students and the entire Ingersoll and Oxford County community for generations to come. Oxford County continues to lead the way in teamwork and innovation, ensuring services reach all demographics. I’m incredibly proud of the efforts at every level of government to bring transformative projects like these in Ingersoll and Thamesford to life.”

- Dave Cripps, Vice-Chair and Oxford County Trustee

About the Town of Ingersoll

Nestled in the heart of southwestern Ontario, the Town of Ingersoll is a vibrant community with a population of over 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 a museum and local theatre, to outdoor adventures, such as hiking, cycling, and fishing, 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 and @touringersoll. Explore our strategic vision for Ingersoll in our [Strategic Plan](#).

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