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## Georgina's new Multi-use Recreation Complex to open March 2

**Georgina, ON** – As the finishing touches are being completed, the Town of Georgina is pleased to announce the wait is over – the new Multi-use Recreation Complex (MURC) will officially open on March 2, 2024. One of the largest projects in the Town's history, the MURC is a state-of-the-art facility offering programs and activities for people of all ages and abilities.

"This is an exciting time for our community as we get ready to open the doors to the new Multi-use Recreation Complex," said Mayor Margaret Quirk. "After many years of planning and construction, we are now ready to welcome everyone to the MURC. This incredible building is set to become a true multi-use community hub, offering affordable, quality recreation and library services, and providing options for every member of the family."

Opening day will feature a ribbon cutting and free activities. The month of March will offer many free 'try it' activities allowing the public to try their hand at a variety of activities including swimming, basketball and pickleball, and a variety of Maker Space technology including 3D printers, button makers and Cricut machines. A report will go to Council on Feb. 7, providing an update on programming for recreation and the Discovery Library branch. The spring session for all programs and lessons will begin in April.

The MURC is destined to become a valuable community space for the whole family and includes –

- Six-lane 25-metre pool
- Two-depth leisure pool
- Therapy pool
- Double gymnasium
- Indoor walking track
- Multi-use meeting/activity rooms
- Active living space
- Discovery Library branch

The Discovery Library branch is your new community living room. This inclusive, multi-generational and multi-purpose space will include expanded programs, quiet study rooms, spaces for people to meet and connect, an outdoor reading garden, and a Maker Space with exciting new tools and technology including a music and video recording studio, a laser cutter, sewing and embroidery machines, a large format printer, and more.

The MURC project was designed with energy, environment, and occupant health and well-being in mind. It was built to achieve a Gold level of LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Certification. Some of the green design components include improved water efficiency, optimized energy performance of heating and cooling systems, the use of sustainable materials, improved indoor air quality, maximized use of daylight and drought-resistant plants.

The MURC will be accessible to all, meeting all building codes and Facility Accessibility Design Standards. All three pools feature accessible ramps and the second floor of the building can be reached using a fully accessible elevator.

To learn more, visit [georgina.ca/MURC](http://georgina.ca/MURC). To learn more about other Building Georgina projects, visit [georgina.ca/BuildingGeorgina](http://georgina.ca/BuildingGeorgina).

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