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Celebrate the opening of the Multi-Use Recreation Complex

Join the celebration on March 2

Georgina, ON – It's almost time. The new Multi-Use Recreation Complex (MURC) officially opens its doors on March 2, 2024 at 10 a.m. All are welcome to attend this family-friendly event. 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. Ten years in the making, the MURC is now complete, marking an important milestone in our efforts to expand recreation services in Georgina," said Mayor Margaret Quirk. "It is a beautiful building that is set to become a true multi-use community hub, providing affordable, quality recreation and library services to our growing community. I look forward to seeing everyone at the official grand opening on Saturday."

The grand opening will include remarks in the lobby, followed by the first ribbon cutting to officially open the MURC. That will be followed by ribbon-cutting ceremonies at the Discovery Branch Library, the Aquatic centre, the gymnasium and the walking track, each marked by special ceremonies and exciting activities. The day will also include a variety of programs, demonstrations and interactive sessions including pre-registered programming at the pool, story time and 3D printer demonstrations at the Discovery Branch, and drop-in activities in the kitchen, gym and multi-purpose rooms.

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 Branch Library

The Discovery Branch Library is a 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 is 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.

The MURC project was designed with energy, environment, and occupant health and well-being in mind. It is built to achieve LEED Gold (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.

To learn more, check out the [new video](#) on the MURC or visit georgina.ca/MURC. To learn more about other Building Georgina projects, visit georgina.ca/BuildingGeorgina.

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