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Community Partnerships and Local Support Enhance Renfrew's Recreation Infrastructure

Renfrew, Ontario, April 27, 2022—The Ma-te-Way Activity Centre Expansion includes three components that make it a truly successful community project. The Expansion will include four spaces leased by local businesses, an Off Reserve Indigenous Cultural Centre, and finally, financial support over the next ten years from more than a dozen groups and organizations.

The Expansion will be the new location for four local businesses including myFM, Renfrew Chiropractic & Rehabilitation Centre, Child's Paradise Day Care Centre and Ultimate Fitness.

Bonnechere Algonquin First Nation Cultural Centre will be located on the north east side of the facility. With its unique characteristics and components throughout including a medicine wheel, museum, and office space.

In addition to financial support from the Government of Canada and Government of Ontario, individual rooms and areas within the facility have been sponsored. These include: Ontario Power Generation (Multipurpose Room), Kelly Homes Inc (Lobby), McGrimmon Holdings (Fitness Centre), Renfrew Professional Fire Fighters Association (Ice Resurfacer), Renfrew Parks, Recreation Fundraising Committee (Community Hall), Home Hardware (Gymnasium), Bonnechere Excavating Inc. (Expansion Rink), Deslaurier Custom Cabinets Inc. (Current Rink), and myFM (Complex)

The 76, 500 ft² expansion, projected to open in early 2023 also includes an NHL sized ice surface, an elevated walking track, fitness centre, regulation sized gymnasium, dance/yoga studio, multipurpose rooms, youth drop in centre and administrative offices. The expansion will improve access to cultural and recreational opportunities and better meet community needs.

Quotes from Elected Officials

“When all levels of Government work together in cooperation with Private Enterprise good things happen that will benefit our community as a whole. ”

His Worship Don Eady, Mayor of the Town of Renfrew

“The Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department has always taken pride in its strong community partnerships. We are super excited and proud to be taken the Ma-te-way expansion to a highly unique and professional level with our new tenants that bring great services to the Residents of Renfrew and Area. We feel that Ma-te-way Park is an excellent location for these partners to continue to have great success for years to come.”

Thomas Sidney, Councillor Town of Renfrew, Chair Parks, Recreation and Facilities Committee



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