

'True community hub': Georgina opens state-of-art rec complex Saturday

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The gymnasium at the Town of Georgina's new Multi-use Recreation Complex, which is to officially open Saturday. | Supplied photo/Town of Georgina

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The community is invited to attend the much anticipated official opening of Georgina's state-of-the-art Multi-Use Recreation Complex (MURC) this Saturday, March 2.

One of the largest projects in the town's history, the MURC is 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 in a news release.

"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 at 10 a.m., followed by a ribbon cutting to officially open the MURC. Other ribbon-cutting ceremonies will be held 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 includes a six-lane, 25-metre pool, two-depth leisure pool, therapy pool, double gymnasium, indoor walking track, multi-use meeting/activity room, active living space and the Discovery Branch Library.

The Discovery Branch Library is "a new community living room," an inclusive, multi-generational and multi-purpose space offering expanded programs, quiet study rooms, meeting spaces, an outdoor reading garden, and Maker Space with tools and technology, including a music and video recording studio, laser cutter, sewing and embroidery machines and large format printer.

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 by an accessible elevator.

The MURC project was designed with energy, environment, and occupant health and well-being in mind. It is built to achieve LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) gold 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.

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