

Elvis Stojko Arena Rehabilitation Project

Program: Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund and Federal Gas Tax Fund

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

In 2013, Richmond Hill used funding from the federal government’s Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund and the federal Gas Tax Fund to help rehabilitate the Elvis Stojko Arena.

The Elvis Stojko Arena was built in 1985 and is one of Richmond Hill’s oldest arenas. While originally called the Observatory Arena, it was renamed in 1994 in honour of former long-term Richmond Hill resident, and two-time Olympic medalist Elvis Stojko.

Located on the historic lands of the David Dunlap Observatory, the Elvis Stojko Arena has been an integral part of the community for over 28 years. Playing a central role in celebrations and events, such as the torch relay for the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics, the facility does more than provide recreation – it brings the community together.

After over 28 years of providing athletes in the community with a home for sporting events and recreational activity, the popular facility was in need of rehabilitation and upgrades. Rehabilitation of the facility was focused on general interior and exterior refurbishing, including improvements to waterproofing and repairs to the foundation.

This maintenance is complemented by the opportunity to improve accessibility and introduce energy efficiency upgrades. Renovations will increase efficiency and help reduce operating costs, through the installation of a building automation system and solar panels to generate renewable energy.

In addition, the rehabilitation project will ensure all residents can move around and utilize the facility independently, by retrofitting the building with accessible change rooms, incorporating access ramps, and upgrading the current warm viewing area. As a result of this project, the Elvis Stojko Arena will continue to provide a unique recreational space to bring both athletes and the community together today, and into the future.

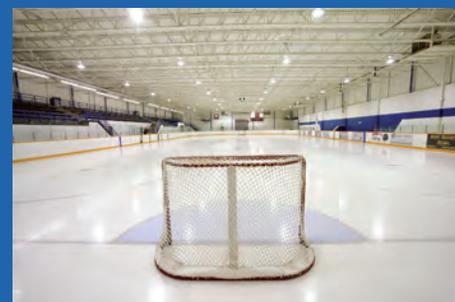
Project Highlights:

Shared federal and municipal investment in providing options for being active and involved in the community.

Rehabilitation and upgrades include:

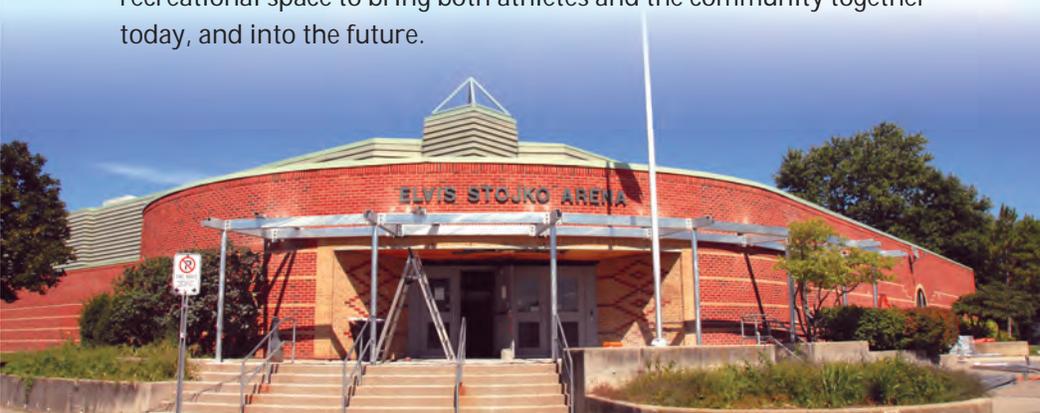
- Exterior structural renovations, including waterproofing and foundation repairs
- Retrofitting the facility to meet accessibility standards
- Improving energy efficiency by replacing interior lighting, installing solar panels to generate electricity and a building automation system

Rehabilitated site will continue to thrive as facility for year-round recreational programming.



“ We are very pleased to be receiving this grant. Our arenas are very popular and thanks to this funding we are able to make some much-needed repairs and improvements that will benefit residents for years to come. ”

Mayor Dave Barrow



Richmond Hill, where people come together to build our community.

P R O J E C T F A C T S	
Project Budget:	\$2 168 500
Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund Contribution of up to:	\$ 722 833
Federal Gas Tax Fund Contribution:	\$ 350 000
Completion Date:	Sept. 2013

P R O J E C T B E N E F I T S

Rehabilitation of the Elvis Stojko Arena has many benefits to the residents of Richmond Hill, with improvements allowing the facility to continue to meet the needs of athletes and the community.

Recreation Opportunities

Elvis Stojko Arena, like its namesake, is an important part of the heritage and legacy of Richmond Hill. Not only does the Elvis Stojko Arena provide a place for athletes to train and practice, it is home to several community organizations that dedicate themselves to providing a variety of ice sports that the whole community can enjoy. Rehabilitating the Elvis Stojko Arena will provide athletes with the facilities to continue to pursue their dreams, and will encourage fun and unique recreational opportunities for the rest of the community.

Improve Accessibility

Beyond structural repairs, modifications to the Elvis Stojko Arena to meet accessibility standards are a significant investment in the community. Improving accessibility benefits all individuals in Richmond Hill and helps remove physical barriers and bring us all closer together.



Member of Parliament Costas Menegakis, Canadian Junior National Figure Skating Champion Anthony Kan and Mayor Dave Barrow at the CIIF funding announcement.

Wise Management

The installation of a solar electricity generating system supports Richmond Hill's commitment to promote energy efficient buildings. In addition, upgrading interior lighting to energy efficient options, conducting structural repairs, and introducing a building automation system reduce operating costs and are a better choice for the environment.

After over 28 years of serving the Richmond Hill community, the rehabilitated Elvis Stojko arena will help inspire the next generation in Richmond Hill to strive for their goals, both on and off the ice.



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