

Bond Lake Arena Rehabilitation

Funding Program: Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RInC) Program in Ontario and Canada's Gas Tax Fund

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Between 2009 and 2011, Richmond Hill used a portion of its Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RInC) Program in Ontario and Gas Tax funding to rehabilitate the Bond Lake Arena.

The Bond Lake Arena was constructed in 1972 to serve the recreational needs of the community of Oak Ridges.

This project was undertaken based on the recognition that many of the arena components had reached the end of their life cycle and required replacement and

upgrading to current standards in order to continue to meet the community's need over the next decade. The rehabilitation of W K H arena was undertaken in order to improve service and return this facility to good working order.

Key components of the rehabilitation include: W K H replacement of aging ice pad to allow year-round skating for the first time in the community, the replacement of a handicapped lift with a full service elevator, the installation of an accessible change room and other structural upgrades. The Bond Lake Arena Rehabilitation also replaced end of life equipment with current energy efficient equipment, including roof top units, pumps and boilers and lighting. In addition, a solar hot water system was installed to provide domestic hot water to the facility using renewable energy. Canada's Gas Tax Fund allocation enabled the energy efficient component of the project.

Project Highlights:

Shared federal, provincial and municipal investment in renewing recreational facilities

Upgrades include:

- Replacing arena ice pad to allow year-round skating
- Installation of an elevator system
- Roof replacement
- Installation of energy efficient equipment
- Installation of a solar hot water system

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

PROJECT FACTS	
Government of Canada Commitment up to:	\$ 712 666
Government of Ontario Commitment up to:	\$ 712 666
Richmond Hill Commitment up to:	\$ 712 668
Canada's Gas Tax Fund:	\$ 435 000
TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET:	\$2 573 000
COMPLETION DATE:	March 2011

PROJECT BENEFITS

The rehabilitation of the Bond Lake Arena has had many benefits to the citizens of Richmond Hill, consistent with the objectives of the 2009 Strategic Plan:



A More Vibrant Richmond Hill

The Bond Lake Arena is an important landmark in the Oak Ridges community. Restoring this building represents an important investment in maintaining the unique places of Richmond Hill.

Stronger Connections in Richmond Hill

By replacing the ice plant and under ice components, the arena will be able to remain operational year-round. The elimination of the five-month shut down period in the summer has greatly increased public access to the facility. The renovation also installed a full service elevator and accessible change rooms in the arena, increasing accessibility for seniors and those with disabilities.

Better Choice in Richmond Hill

Extending the operational season of the arena will allow an extended range of programs to be offered to the residents of Oak Ridges, improving opportunities for residents to get involved in physical activities.

Wise Management of Resources in Richmond Hill

This rehabilitation will make the Bond Lake Arena a more energy efficient building incorporating solar hot water heating, thereby reducing energy use and greenhouse gas emissions. Furthermore, the rehabilitation of the building will lower maintenance costs and ensure operational expenses are predictable, allowing Richmond Hill to manage its available fiscal resources more wisely.

In addition to the long-term benefits realized by this project, the restoration of the Bond Lake Arena provided short-term stimulus to Richmond Hill's economy by creating construction activity related to recreation infrastructure. By extending available program time, the project has had a positive impact on public participation in physical activities.



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