

Oak Ridges Community Centre

Program: Canada's Gas Tax Fund

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

From 2008 to 2012, Richmond Hill used a portion of its Canada's Gas Tax Fund to assist in the construction of the Oak Ridges Community Centre.

The Oak Ridges Community Centre was constructed to serve the recreational needs of the growing community of Oak Ridges, as well as Richmond Hill as a whole.

The 60 658 square foot facility includes a six-lane leisure pool, an Ecological Centre, a fitness studio and aerobics room, a 7000 square foot gymnasium, a kitchen, two general program rooms, a seniors/youth program area, and an administrative area.

The Community Centre is located on the shores of Lake Wilcox, and is an integral part of the master plan to create an enhanced park and natural area along the eastern shoreline.

Gas Tax funding was used to incorporate Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) initiatives into construction of the Oak Ridges Community Centre, earning the building a silver certification. Environmental sustainability was a key element of the building design. Local wood and stone were used as construction materials to improve energy efficiency, increase the durability of the structure, and enhance the appearance of the building. Reflective and green roof areas were used to reduce the building's heat island. Finally, the existing natural areas were preserved and enhanced through the incorporation of open natural spaces, wildlife trails, and on site stormwater management.



Project Highlights:

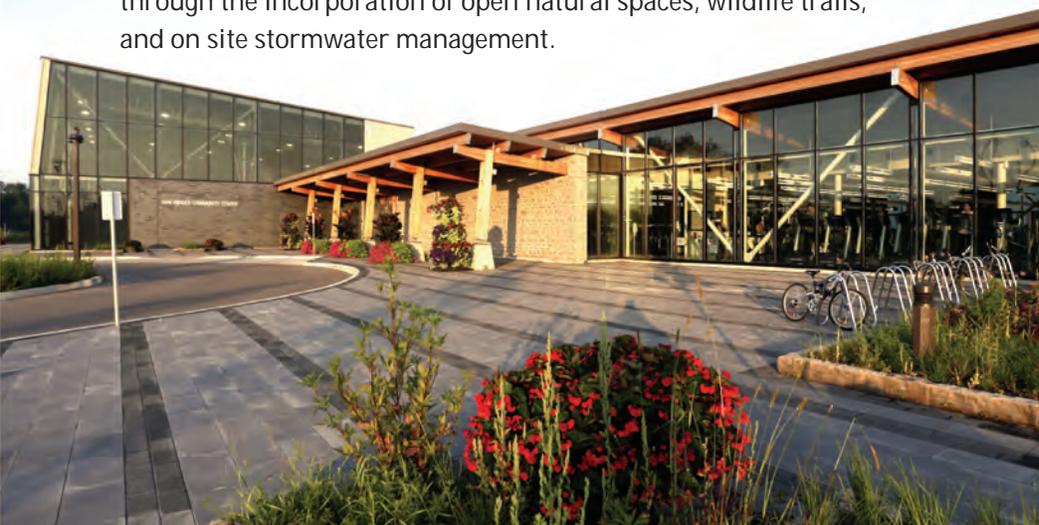
Shared federal and municipal investment in constructing a landmark municipal facility

Project includes:

- Construction of a landmark municipal recreational facility
- Gas Tax funding used for environmental initiatives

Project benefits include:

- Provision of a unique recreational facility in the Oak Ridges community
- Environmental benefits from LEED Silver certification



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

PROJECT FACTS



GAS TAX CONTRIBUTION: \$2 400 500
COMPLETION DATE: May 2012

PROJECT BENEFITS

The completion of the Oak Ridges Community Centre has had many benefits to the residents of Richmond Hill, consistent with the objectives of the Town’s 2009 Strategic Plan:

Community Programming

Richmond Hill is committed to providing spaces for people to connect within the Town. The new facility offers a variety of programming and services for ages. The Ecological Centre provides unique resources and reference materials about the history of the Oak Ridges Moraine and Richmond Hill Watersheds.

Environmental Sustainability

Consistent with the strategic goal of wise management of resources in Richmond Hill, the sustainable design and operations of the Oak Ridges Community Centre have been recognized with a LEED silver certification.

Natural Environment

The Oak Ridges Community Centre respects the existing environment by engaging the natural hill it is built on and protecting natural spaces and wildlife corridors. The community centre is also part of the larger master plan for the creation of an enhanced natural area along the Lake Wilcox shoreline.



Energy Efficiency

The building was constructed with high efficiency mechanical and lighting systems, consistent with LEED standards. The use of wood as a construction material resulted in a low embedded energy cost and increased the energy conservation of the building.

In addition to the long-term social and environmental benefits realized by this project, the construction of the Oak Ridges Community Centre provided short-term stimulus to Richmond Hill’s economy by creating construction activity.



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