



Media Release

See the Vision of EG's new Health & Active Living Plaza

(East Gwillimbury, ON) December 21, 2020 – The Town's vision for the new Health & Active Living Plaza (HALP) is coming to life! At Council on December 15, 2020, new design concepts were presented to showcase the layouts of the interior and exterior as well as detailed images of the various spaces that will be featured in the facility. Residents are encouraged to visit the Town's website at www.eastgwillimbury.ca/HALP to see the designs.

The HALP, which will be located in the new Queensville development, is currently in the design and site plan stage, with prequalification of general contractors in 2021, project tender in 2021/2022 and facility construction occurring from 2022 to 2024. It is anticipated that the HALP will open once the Town's population reached 40,000 residents which will be in approximately 2024.

"This is one of the most anticipated projects in the history of our Town," said Mayor Virginia Hackson. "Our residents are ready for a pool and Council is pleased to be able to share these amazing designs with the public. The designs have been created based on feedback from the community and it looks like a truly amazing facility! I know we will all continue to look forward to the development of this project and anxiously await its opening in 2024."

The interior of the HALP will feature over 80,000 square feet of facility space including:

- EG's first ever aquatics centre;
- A new library branch with maker space and sound studio;
- Gymnasium with track and potential fitness area featuring weights and cardio;
- Program spaces with a teaching kitchen;
- Interior boardwalk space with public art and an interactive nature themed play space.

The outdoor park space will be one of the Town's largest parks and will embrace placemaking and feature both passive and active recreational areas interconnected by cycle paths and trails and include:

- Teaching/reading gardens;
- Outdoor cooking space;
- Playground and splash pad;
- Events street, space, and pavilion;
- Skate park and pump track;
- Games tables;
- Sports space for multi-use sports courts, beach volleyball, pickleball, shuffleboard and sports fields.

Overall, the project was guided by the Town's Thinking Green Standards and highlights several green and environmentally friendly features. The design has also evolved due to the COVID-19 pandemic to consider pandemic preparedness. For example, the HALP will have advanced air filtration and purification systems.

Town has partnered with over a dozen community partners to ensure the facility is able to offer a variety of convenient and complimentary services and programs. The Town will continue to work with its partners and the public to gather feedback into the project.

The project is funded by development charges with no cost to the taxpayer for the design and construction of the facility.

Below are artistic renderings from the proposed facility design presented to Council on December 15, 2021. The design is subject to change. For more images visit www.eastgwillimbury.ca/HALP.



Aerial view of proposed HALP and park space



Side view of proposed HALP



Interior view of new library branch



Interior view of EG's first-ever aquatics facility

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