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MUNICIPAL RECREATION
DEPARTMENT

DREAM TEAM







OLA Super Conference

Wednesday, January 29, 2020

Municipality of Meaford



- On the shores of Georgian Bay between Collingwood and Owen Sound
- Population is just under 11,000
- Four seasons destination











Meaford Public Library



- 4,800 active card holders
- 93,000 items circulated
- Hosted a number of authors
- Connect the library to





Municipality of Meaford Cultural Services



- Oversees; Seasonal Swimming Pool, Summer Camps, Programming for all ages, Special Events, and Municipal Subsidy Program
- Works closely with a variety of community organizations and groups to facilitate a variety of activities and events







Our Partnership

Community Events

- Canada Day
- Longest Day of Play
- Health and Wellness Fair
- March Break
- Earth Week







Programs

- Summer Camps
- Walk the Length of the Great Wall of China
- Goat Yoga



Successes and Challenges Therefore public preserves



Municipality of Meaford

Successes

- **Budget**
- Resources
 - Online
 - Collection Items
- Dual Promotion
- Reach nonusers
- Less competition

Challenges









MARCH BREAK 2020







Future





What Do We Have Planned

- Equipment Lending
- Other Community Events
- Shared Programming











We Are:



Rhonda Pogue Manager; Recreation, Community Engagement and Events Town of East Gwillimbury



Monika Machacek Chief Executive Officer East Gwillimbury Public Library

Town of East Gwillimbury

Facility Map



- Harvest Hills Activity Centre
 145 Harvest Hills Boulevard
 East Gwillimbury, ON L9N 0C1
- Holland Landing Community Centre 19513 Yonge Street Holland Landing, ON LOG 1M0
- River Drive Park Community Centre 20 Oak Avenue River Drive Park, ON L9N 1A1
- North Union Community Centre 2624 Boag Road RR#1 Queensville ON L0G 1R0

- East Gwillimbury Sports Complex 1914B Mount Albert Road Sharon, ON LOG 1V0
- Mount Albert Lions Community Centre 5057 Mount Albert Road Mount Albert, ON LOG 1M0
- Mount Albert Community Centre 53 Main Street Mount Albert, ON LOG 1M0
- Ross Family Complex
 19300 Centre Street
 Mount Albert, ON LOG 1M0

- ✓ Located in York Region, 45 minutes north Toronto
- ✓ Are a mix of rural and suburban
- ✓ Becoming a thriving mixed used community. Urban community surrounded by countryside, agricultural areas but also large urban plazas
- ✓ East Gwillimbury will remain over 70% green, agricultural, and rural once fully developed
- ✓ Population Growth (Planning forecasts):

2016-24,000

2018-30,000

2021 - 36,000

2033-47,000

You Belong Here

The East Gwillimbury Public Library's Strategic Plan is supported by three priorities:

Build & Innovate

We will build for the future of a growing and diverse community and inspire innovation in our users and staff by continually evolving our programs and services

Engage

We will engage members of our community with a vibrant library system that introduces new residents to library services and the digital branch while ensuring fulfilling work experiences for our staff

Deliver

We recognize the busy lifestyle of our community and we will deliver services that respond to the need for convenience and flexibility



Vision:

East Gwillimbury Public Library nurtures literacy in all its form and is the cultural and social heart of the community.

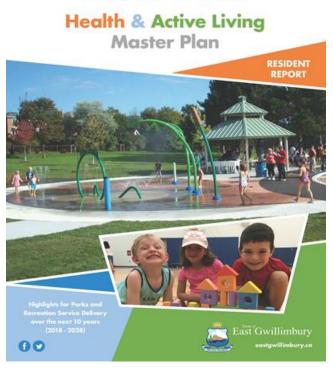
Here you create, play and grow. And here, you belong.

Mission:

East Gwillimbury Public Library is the community's destination for learning, discovery and connections.



TOWN OF EAST GWILLIMBURY



Three Main Pillars, CPRC is committed to

- ✓ Providing balanced, equality, affordable programs and services and facilities in all areas of the municipality for a safe, accessible and liveable community.
- Building a complete community that provides healthy places to live, work, play and learn.
- Being a high performance municipal organization committed to service and excellence.

East Gwillimbury

Library Experiences with Recreation Departments





Recreation Experiences with Library Services





When we learn how to work together versus against each other things might start getting better.

Natural & Expected Competition for Resources

- 1. Both funded entirely (almost) by municipal funding
- 2. BUT with 2 different mandates:
 - Libraries provide services at low to no cost
 - Recreation provides services at cost recovery
- 3. AND we both want to report high use increases

THERE IS A WAY: Convenient and Complementary Services

Why are we here?

To serve the community in effective, cost efficient ways to build a healthy and active community.

So, we have the same goal. Start there.

So, What Do We Do Together..?

- All Town Events
- Joint Summer Camp
- Drop Zone (Fair access) programming
- Sharing Resources
- Storytime Yoga
- Summer programming with camps
- Community engagement booths
- Cross promotion in Health and Active Living Guide
- Leverage hours of operation
- Nature Back Packs
- Free rental space
- Grant funding
- And probably more that we couldn't think of ;)



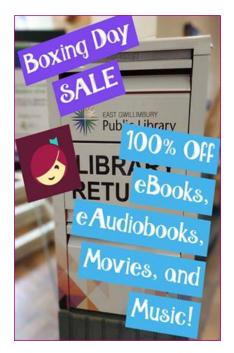


Keeping Your Own Identity

Just like any healthy relationship:

- 1. Don't lose yourself in your partnerships.
- 2. Support, partner, leverage each other
- 3. And not absorb, usurp, or forget your own mandates





Moving Mountains



A Partnership in Space: Sixteen Mile Branch







Town of Oakville

- Located in the GTA in the Halton Region
- Population of 211,000 (Town of Oakville)
- Major growth in the north: a community of young families, commuters, newcomers



Oakville Public Library

- 7 branches
- 64,182 active cardholders
- Newest branch serves population in North Oakville

Sixteen Mile Branch opened on May 1, 2019



Oakville Public Library

Sixteen Mile Sports Complex

- Large sports facility with 4 arenas including a 1,500 spectator venue, full service restaurant and 2 community rooms
- Over 700,000 visitors to the Complex annually, including many young families
- Future plans for a connecting community centre with library branch and full recreation programming amenities
- Growing community and need for immediate family and youth recreation programming opportunities

Sixteen Mile Sports Complex







Our Partnership

- Growth in North
 Oakville =
 community
 demand for library
 service and
 recreational
 programs
- Sixteen Mile
 Branch offers a
 shared space to
 meet these needs



Flexible Space

 Movable furniture was required to ensure the needs of all programs and services were met





 Shelves and other larger furniture have wheels, making it easier to transform the space

The Schedule

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9							
10							
11							
12							
1							
2							
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4							
5							
6							
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Recreation Hours

Program Delivery

- Community consultation
- Focus group and survey
- Programs
- Library Storytime, Book Club for Adults, Tech Help
- Rec & Culture Pilates, Robotics, Youth drop-in
- Expanded opportunities for programming



A few considerations...

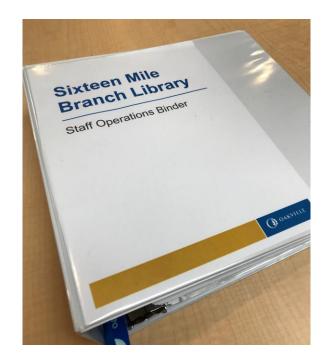


- Facility upkeep
- Designated storage space
- Managing public expectations



Other considerations

- Training of Rec & Culture staff emergency procedures, Health and Safety features, security gates
- Cross promotion
- Usage of library equipment during recreation programs— computers, checkout kiosks, etc.



Challenges

- Public awareness and understanding of the partnership
- Logistics of set-up
- Same address
- Parking



Successes

- Stronger connection between OPL and the Town Rec & Culture department
- Shared facility, furniture and equipment
- Wider variety of programs and services offered to the community



Going Forward

- Assessing usage of space through public feedback, operational statistics
- Determining any tweaking necessary to reach greatest community benefit
- Partnership allows flexibility and nimbleness to serve a developing community!







Thank you!





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