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New \$14.6 million recreational facility and paramedic response station opens in the Township of King

KING – A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held today to mark the official opening of the Trisan Centre – a new recreational facility and paramedic response station in King Township.

The ceremony was hosted by Steve Pellegrini, Mayor of King Township, and attended by Paul Calandra, Member of Parliament, Dr. Helena Jaczek, Member of Provincial Parliament, and Bill Fisch, York Region Chairman and CEO.

"Today's official opening of the Trisan Centre is due to the hard work of town staff and volunteers who have worked closely with MPP Jaczek and I to bring this facility to fruition," said Paul Calandra, Member of Parliament for Oak Ridges-Markham. "This facility is one of thousands of projects across Canada, that as part of the Federal Government's Economic Action Plan, will provide lasting benefits to Canadians through a modernized and greener infrastructure."

The new Schomberg Arena and King Township Curling and Fitness Facility is located at the intersection of Proctor Road and Dillane Drive.

The recreational facility includes a full size 68,000-square foot single National Hockey League (NHL) ice pad, four curling sheets, a fitness facility, an indoor walking/running track, plus meeting rooms and office space for local volunteer-based community groups.

"The opening of this facility is a testament to the Province's investment in our communities," said Dr. Helena Jaczek, Member of Provincial Parliament for Oak Ridges-Markham. "The recreational facility will encourage families to live healthier lifestyles by promoting activity all the while spending quality time together."

A two-bay York Region Emergency Medical Services (EMS) paramedic response station is housed alongside the new recreational facility.

"The new Paramedic Response Station is part of our strategy to improve or build new paramedic response stations alongside other Regional or municipal services to respond to population growth and call demand," said Bill Fisch, York Region Chairman and CEO. "Most importantly, the new station will better serve the residents of the community by providing vital emergency medical services, 24 hours, seven days a week."

The new recreational facility has been built in accordance with York Region's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver standard. Sustainable design features include:

- Water efficient landscaping that will reduce the need for water by 50 per cent
- Innovative wastewater technologies reducing potable water for sewage conveyance by 50 per cent by capturing rainwater to flush toilets
- A roof designed to keep the building cooler in warm weather
- Approximately 50 per cent of construction waste was diverted from landfill

"I am incredibly grateful to the Federal and Provincial government, and our municipal partner, The Regional Municipality of York, for the support and funding that made this long overdue project a reality," said King Township Mayor, Steve Pellegrini. "This facility is a wonderful and welcome addition to our community that will benefit the residents of King Township for years to come."

The \$14.6 million project received \$4.72 million in funding from each the federal and provincial governments under the Canada-Ontario Infrastructure Stimulus Fund and the Township of King and was complemented by a \$0.7 million investment from The Regional Municipality of York.

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