



## Media Release

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### **GRAND RE-OPENING OF LEISURE CENTRE AND PUBLIC LIBRARY SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY JUNE 2**

**Festivities will include ribbon-cutting, tours and special events**

**WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE, ON** – The grand re-opening of the newly-expanded Whitchurch-Stouffville Leisure Centre and Public Library will be Saturday, June 2 with day full of festivities for the entire family.

The grand re-opening, which culminates over two years of construction and renovation of the Memorial Park facility, will showcase the new fitness area, the new gymnasium, the expanded public library and the re-located Latcham Art Centre (formally Latcham Gallery).

“We are all very excited about the opening,” said Marilou Murray, Director of Leisure and Community Services for the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville. “A lot of hard work, by many people, has resulted in a truly magnificent building. We honestly can’t wait.”

The renovation to the facility, the first since it opened in 2001, started in November 2016 and included a new 5,800 sq. ft. fitness centre and a 7,800 sq. ft. gymnasium added to the complex. The Library added 16,000 sq. ft. to its existing footprint and the Latcham Art Centre is moving into the old fitness centre from their location on Main Street.

“The day will be full of wonderful activities for the whole family,” Murray said. “We will have a number of exciting events taking place including program demonstrations, art projects, storytime drop-ins at the Library, and much more. Everyone is welcome!”

The facility will be open from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Festivities at the Leisure Centre portion will include a free swim between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., guided tours throughout the day in all areas of the building, Buddy the Lifeguard Dog will be onsite for visits and photos, defibrillator how-to demonstrations at the pool and sporting activities in the multipurpose rooms and the gymnasium.

Information about membership packages, camps and programs will be available as well as a Grand Opening Membership Special – buy 2 months or more and get 1 month free.

The Library will have drop-in storytimes in the Children's Program Room, a demonstration of the new 3D printer, family story walks outdoors and will have a South Asian Heritage Month Celebration with local dance groups.

The Latham Art Centre and the Library will be teaming up for *Book Art* in the Children's Program Room between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. Visitors can also create a mixed media literary art piece with Art Centre and library staff and hear all about the exciting plans the Centre has for 2018.

The official ribbon cutting ceremony will take place at 1:00 p.m. in the gymnasium with many special guests along with building architects Diamond Schmitt and Percon Construction.

The Leisure Centre and Public Library will also be part of this year's Doors Open Whitchurch-Stouffville on the same day. Doors Open is celebrating its 14<sup>th</sup> year showcasing the municipality's historical, cultural and architecturally significant buildings and locations.

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Leisure Centre and Public Library is located at 2 Park Drive, Stouffville. Free parking is available.

### **About the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville**

The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville is one of the jewels of the GTA, located just north of Toronto on Highway 404. We are a community rich in heritage and character and we are committed to offering our residents and businesses 'Country Close to the City'.

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