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**For Immediate Release****Cambridge Indoor Soccer Dome Officially Opens  
Friendly Game between COM DEV and City Employees**

Cambridge, Ontario. October 21, 2008... COM DEV Indoor Soccer Park construction is complete and the City of Cambridge will celebrate the success of the project and the partnerships that made it possible on Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm. The ceremony at the facility located at 745 Fountain Street will include an official ribbon cutting by Cambridge Mayor Doug Craig and COM DEV International CEO John Keating. Following the formal ceremonies, the event will conclude with a friendly soccer match between the City, COM DEV and Cambridge Youth Soccer. The public is welcome to join in at 6pm to watch soccer juggling and a youth match, and enjoy some refreshments and a tour of the new complex.

It's the first indoor soccer facility for Cambridge and construction of the year round air-supported structure began in 2007 in two phases. Phase one represented an initial investment of \$1.8 million and it delivered the outside membrane and a soccer field with artificial turf which included a drills and skills training area. Completed on-time and on-budget, it enabled the Cambridge Youth Soccer Club, which administers programs for the community, to begin operations during the winter season. The result was more than 50,000 spectators and participants used the facility in just five short months.

The dome was shut down to undertake phase two of the project. The most recently completed work included the construction of an administrative building which will enhance the services to the facility by providing permanent washrooms and a large multi-purpose room that can be utilized for meetings, training sessions, and birthday parties. In addition, the parking area has been expanded to 163 spaces (a 57% increase over the original estimate) paved throughout with improved lighting and a walkway that traverses from the middle of the parking area down to the facility. An outdoor mini field will be located in front of the facility completing the project. Total project investment for phase one and two was \$2.8 million.

"We have come a long way since last summer when this project began - and finishing touches happened quickly. This definitely is a facility that Cambridge residents can be proud of and a big boost to indoor soccer in the city," says Glenn Gedge, Manager of Customer Services and Administration for the City of Cambridge. Gedge recently presented an overview on the status of the project, construction update, and business plan to City Council citing that the first shortened operating year had a slow start, but a strong finish with net

profits only \$2,794 lower than projections and a whopping 65% increase in indoor soccer registrations over the previous year.

“The coming year will mean a full season of operation and we are very optimistic of the growth opportunities going forward,” says Jim King, Commissioner of Community Services.

COM DEV CEO John Keating will be among the delegates speaking at the official opening of the facility. His organization recognized the need in the community and gave financial support to the project. “We did this for the community and for our employees to build on the sports amenities available to the citizens. Our partnership with the City of Cambridge is about creating and enhancing the quality and lifestyle for everyone,” adds Keating.

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**About Cambridge Youth Soccer Inc.**

Cambridge Youth Soccer Inc. (CYS) is a not-for-profit organization run by a volunteer board of Directors. The mission is to provide organized soccer for the children of Cambridge. Visit [www.cambridgeyouthsoccer.com](http://www.cambridgeyouthsoccer.com) to get league and club information for parents, coaches, players, and referees of CYS. Contact CYS, at 519-740-0027.

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The City of Cambridge is one of the fastest growing areas in the country. It is strategically located astride highway 401 in Southwestern Ontario, part of Canada's Technology Triangle. In 2007, the population reached over 125,000 people. With a multicultural mix and a strong foundation of support services, Cambridge has a diverse economic base with leading industries in manufacturing, automotive, high technology, pharmaceutical, business and financial services and hospitality/retail. The Corporation of the City of Cambridge is an employer with a work environment that offers the opportunity to provide service to the community through creativity and innovation, and with opportunities for career growth and advancement.

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