

**For Immediate Release**

**Cambridge Recreation Facilities Gear Up for Renovations  
Notice to Patrons of Pool Closure During Enhancements**

Cambridge, Ontario. April 27, 2010... As significant renovations are underway in Cambridge as part a \$21.6 million facility enhancement program, the City of Cambridge wishes to advise patrons of the temporary closure of the Johnson Centre pool to accommodate construction.

"Cambridge Community Services staff has scheduled the work to provide the least amount of disruption and inconvenience possible and is asking the community for an extra measure of patience through this unprecedented period of infrastructure renewal," says Kent McVittie, Commissioner of Community Services.

Cambridge is full steam ahead on projects that will renew the life of facilities and offer added benefits to city residents:

Canamera Mini Soccer fields - \$165,000  
Preston Auditorium - \$2.4 million  
Duncan MacIntosh Arena - \$1.8 million  
W. G. Johnson Centre - \$3.7 million  
Hespeler Arena - \$2.8 million  
John Dolson Centre - \$1.2 million  
Dickson Arena - \$1.5 million  
Karl Homuth - \$1.9 million  
Public Works - \$4.2 million

The funding support was granted through the federal-provincial Infrastructure Program for the most part, with additional funding for the soccer field coming from the Recreational Infrastructure Canada program in Ontario (RIInC Ontario) and Recreation Ontario (Ontario REC). The multi-government partnership helps rehabilitate arenas, sports fields and buildings and addresses the infrastructure gaps for aging facilities, creates local jobs, boosts the local economy and of course, benefits community residents.

Adding to its track record for environmentally friendly practices, it is estimated that the City will reduce over 300 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions when these projects are completed.

**Pool Closure to Facilitate Infrastructure Project**

While the majority of the work for community facilities has been planned around facility down times to limit disruption to our patrons, the City of

Cambridge wishes to inform citizens that the Johnson Centre pool will be shut down between June 1<sup>st</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup>. Alternatively, the City's Edward Newland Pool, a heated outdoor pool located on William Street, will serve as an option for citizens and will host summer aquatic programs during the renovation period. The gym and related programs at the Johnson Centre will continue to operate as usual.

"This facility will see significant energy efficiencies including the addition of state of the art geothermal heating," says Paula Ridge, Area Recreation Manager. "New Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning (HVAC) systems will also enhance the experience for our patrons."

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#### About Cambridge

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 2009, the population reached over 126,000 people. With a multicultural mix and a strong foundation of support services, Cambridge has a diverse economic base with leading industries in advanced manufacturing, automotive, high technology, pharmaceutical, business and financial services and hospitality/retail. The Corporation of the City of Cambridge is an employer with a progressive work environment that offers the opportunity to provide service to the community through creativity and innovation, and with opportunities for career growth and advancement.

#### About the Corporation of the City of Cambridge

The Corporation of the City of Cambridge is a dynamic organization filled with dedicated people who deliver vital municipal services to you. Services that residents, businesses, visitors and people like your family and friends enjoy. We're a comprehensive team of professionals: engineers, financial specialists, skilled trades, administrative experts, customer service, communications - and the list goes on.

We're proud to be part of the systems that bring you the array of services that citizens in Cambridge need:

- Parks and recreation
- Activities and programs like pools, seniors' centres, community centres, arenas and other facilities
- Sports programs and all the needs related to playing fields, like indoor soccer, baseball diamonds and other amenities
- Events
- Farmers' Market
- Cemetery services
- Road programs
- Leaf pick up services
- Winter maintenance services
- Water and sewer services
- Fire, emergency and related services
- By-laws and enforcement
- Tax administration
- Licensing for businesses, lotteries, marriage, dogs, and other services like applications for birth, death and marriage certificates, notarizing or commissioning of documents
- Archival research
- Economic Development and business support programs
- Tourism support to share opportunities to showcase the festivals and help bring visitors in to support retail and other elements of the economy
- Administration of committees, steering groups and advisory groups
- Planning and development services

- Traffic and parking services
- Ensuring the best security, police, transit, garbage, water processing service, utilities, animal control are in place.
- Libraries and galleries
- Centre for the arts
- Accessibility matters
- Council services including things like supporting the up coming needs of our residents for the Oct 2010 municipal elections

It's a multitude of services and we continue to refine and review them to ensure we deliver the services in the most effective, efficient, and proactive ways.

In 2010 we are undergoing a corporate service review. This is a further check and balance system to seeking improvements - like better technologies to simplify processes or realigning how we operate. The comprehensive review is happening this year with a view to providing a report to Council for consideration. The report will be available by year end and will be addressed by the newly elected council for the 2011 budget.

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