

# Factsheet



## Activa Sportsplex

Home to the Kitchener Minor Hockey Association and the Waterloo Regional Boxing Academy, the City of Kitchener's new 108,000 square foot, multi-purpose athletic complex is one of the most environmentally friendly, energy efficient athletic complexes in the country.

Known as the Activa Sportsplex, the athletic complex is located on a stretch of road in the central portion of the city which has been renamed Lennox Lewis Way – in honour of the former undisputed heavyweight boxing champion and Kitchener native. The new facility houses:

- 2 NHL sized ice surfaces;
- 11 dressing rooms and one club room;
- a 7500 square foot boxing facility;
- a cardio and weight training facility;
- a 3-lane indoor walking track;
- Pro Shop with full service skate sharpening;
- Kitchener Minor Hockey Association main office, board room and storage;
- Meeting room that accommodates 75-100 people;
- 357 surface parking spaces;
- "Re-flexions" a public art piece by artist Allan MacKay;
- 600 individual spectators seats on the main ice pad, and;
- Full concession services.

At a cost to the city of \$20.1 million, construction of the complex was completed in late September 2008. In addition to the city's financial contribution, a community-based fundraising effort known as the Places to Play Campaign raised an additional \$2 million to help fund the construction specific portions of the new facility. Donors are recognized within the facility for their contributions.

In January 2007, Kitchener City Council approved construction of the new athletic complex to a LEED Gold environmental standard. To meet that ambitious environmental target, the facility includes:

- a green roof;
- recycled rubber flooring and recycled plastic benches;
- a heat recovery system that reuses the heat from the ice refrigeration system to provide heat to other areas of the complex;
- the use of light colours combined with neutral lighting allowed for a reduction in electrical requirements for lighting.
- landscaping includes drought tolerant material, native plant species and low maintenance grass;
- the latest and most energy efficient lighting technology, and;
- a rain collection system that reuses water collected from the roof for use in toilets and for resurfacing the ice pads.

The environmental components of this facility are estimated to save the City of Kitchener an estimated \$125,000 per year in operating costs.

### Background:

In April 2005, an independent consultant conducted an ice demand study for Kitchener which concluded the demand for ice time in the city exceeded the supply of rinks. By providing more recreational facilities for residents to use year round, the environmentally-friendly Activa Sportsplex helps the city to achieve its objectives of improving the quality of life for its residents and minimizing its carbon foot print on the environment.

For more information on the Activa Sportsplex, please call 519-741-2699.

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