

Oakville's Community Hub has Opened its Doors—Now Help it Grow Into the Future

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Community Vision Realized

In 2023, the Oakville Community Club embarked on a transformative project to replace its aging Community Centre. While generous grants from the Community Foundation of Portage & District (CFPD) played an important role, the project's success has relied on a combination of grants, donations, and local fundraising efforts—raising over \$4 million to date.

Project Milestones & Expanding Impact

Through successful applications in both 2023 and 2025, including a grant that enabled the purchase of a professional-grade stage, the

new Oakville Community Club is now open and serving the community. Within the facility, three versatile rental venues—a commercial banquet hall, meeting room, and fully equipped commercial kitchen—support everything from meetings and community programming to social events and private celebrations. Despite this tremendous progress, the Oakville Community Club is working to close a remaining funding gap of just over \$600,000 to fully cover construction costs.

Guided by Community Voices

Governance of the Centre is led collaboratively by the Oakville Community Club's Executive, alongside voting representatives from a diverse network of local organizations: Morrison Sports Park, Oakville Curling Club, Oakville Rink, Oakville Minor Hockey Association, Oakville Seniors' Centre, Tiny Tots preschool program, Oakville Early Learning Centre, and Oakville School Parent Council. These member groups not only help shape the vision and operations of the Centre but they can also apply for funding through the Oakville Community Club, which acts as an umbrella organization, distributing financial support and issuing charitable receipts for donations received on their behalf.

Sustained Support Through CFPD Funds

In addition to project-specific grants, the Oakville Community Club benefits from annual payouts from several designated funds held by CFPD: the Arnold and Wendy Blight Oakville Fund, the Ken and Shirley Blight Fund, and the Stride Credit Union Oakville Fund. This year, the Lilyholm Family Fund also directed its annual support to the Club and has committed this funding for a full five years. All of these are open funds, and individuals wishing to support the Oakville Community Club are encouraged to contribute to any of the aforementioned funds by selecting them from the drop-down of our website at <https://www.cfpdi.ca/makeadonation> by clicking the "Donate Online" button.



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