

Building Momentum

Moving from vision to reality

Preparing the site for construction

The Atlas Corporation began mobilizing on site the first week of September 2016 and is currently completing initial site preparation, which includes:

- Site surveys and site layout
- Service locates
- Wash station installation
- Temporary water service to wash station
- Vegetation clearing
- Clear and grade at building pad
- Prepare a working platform for the rammed aggregate piers installation
- Cap and build a granular road around the building pad

Next Steps: Foundations and site capping

Drilling of the rammed aggregate piers, the foundation system selected for the building, will commence after Thanksgiving and will continue through December 2016. The import of clay material that will be used to cap the brownfield site and the import of the soils from employment lands in West Orillia will commence in early November 2016. It is anticipated that forming of the foundations will start early in the New Year. Storm and sanitary system and permanent water service will be underway in spring 2017.

Become a Lifeguard

Did you know that in 2018, we will need more than 70 lifeguards for the new recreation centre? Find out how you can start the process to becoming a lifeguard today. Visit orillia.ca for more information.

“Today is a wonderful day in the history of the City of Orillia. Our residents have lived without a recreation facility for far too long. This Council made it our number one priority to deliver on recreation and we have certainly followed through on that promise. This facility will be much more than a place to swim, play ball, or hit the gym; it will be the social heart of our community.”

-MAYOR STEVE CLARKE

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Watch “Orillia’s Recreation Facility Project: Breaking Ground” on YouTube



Orillia Recreation Facility

255 West St. S.



Progress Report: Start of Construction



FALL 2016

Construction is now underway for the new Orillia Recreation Facility at 255 West St. S. The facility will take approximately two years to complete, with an anticipated opening in 2018.





City Council awards recreation project tender

Council awarded the construction of the Orillia Recreation Facility at 255 West St. S. to The Atlas Corporation for \$48,450,000 at its meeting on Aug. 17, 2016.

This brings the total project budget to \$53,690,000, which includes construction of the building, site naturalization of the 36-acre property, all architectural fees, environmental consulting fees, furniture, fixtures and equipment, and a \$2 million construction contingency. Since the initial project budget was set in March 2015, direction was received to increase pool lanes and deck space in the natatorium and to establish the Orillia Sports Hall of Fame. Wiring to enable a large portable generator to provide power to allow the facility to operate as an Emergency Evacuation Centre has also been included, in addition to the required generator for the gas venting system as determined by the Risk Assessment.

“City staff have been working diligently with the project architects over the past year-and-a-half to deliver a recreation facility that will make Council and all of Orillia proud.”

- RAY MERKLEY, DIRECTOR OF PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE

Overview of facility amenities



FITNESS CENTRE

- 25m, 8-lane lap pool with viewing area.
- Moveable pool floor will accommodate various uses and activities such as synchronized swimming, water polo, diving and underwater hockey.
- Rock climbing wall, tarzan rope, 1m and 3m diving boards in the lap pool.
- Therapeutic pool with staggered jet system.
- Leisure pool with play features and whale-shaped water channel.
- Gymnasium, which accommodates two FIBA-sized basketball courts, six badminton courts, six pickleball courts, three volleyball courts, and a viewing area. Gymnasium can be divided into two separate gyms using a hard gym wall.
- Dedicated preschool room.
- Multi-purpose room that can be divided into two smaller rooms with a kitchenette.
- Fitness centre including studio fitness rooms and enclosed stretching area.
- 235m walking/jogging track.
- Orillia Sports Hall of Fame Lounge.
- Outdoor walking trails and connecting bridge to the Lightfoot Trail System.

Meet the General Contractor

The Atlas Corporation, which has been in existence since 1946, is a general contractor with experience in several building segments including: commercial, industrial, institutional and heritage buildings, as well as residential projects.

Serving as the City of Orillia’s general contractor on the Orillia Recreation Facility project, Atlas will work closely with the City’s Recreation Project Team to deliver the new facility on time and on budget.

Recent projects completed by Atlas include:

- Regent Park Aquatic Centre in Toronto: 31,000 sq. ft. indoor pool building with a six-lane, 25m training pool, leisure pool, water slide, and warm water therapy pool.
- North Thornhill Community Centre – Block 10: 95,000 sq. ft. building includes three indoor swimming pools, fitness centre, gym and activity rooms.
- Innisfil Multi-use Recreation Facility: 150,000 sq. ft. building consists of two ice rinks, indoor swimming pools, slides, gymnasium, community rooms and outdoor playing fields.



“We are here today and we have started. We are looking forward to a successful end and going swimming in a short period of time.”

- ANDREW FAMIGLIETTI, PRESIDENT OF THE ATLAS CORPORATION



Orillia Council officially breaks ground on the new recreation facility at 255 West St. S. on Sept. 28, 2016.

Breaking Ground at 255 West St. S.

After decades of debate on where to locate a much-needed recreation facility for the City of Orillia, Council officially broke ground at 255 West St. S. on Sept. 28, 2016, to make way for construction of the new facility.

Dozens gathered at the end of Queen Street next to 255 West St. S. to celebrate the momentous occasion. Following special remarks, each Member of Council had an opportunity to “break ground” in the staging area of the construction site.

