

## Negotiations on recreation facility under way

**For immediate release (February 26, 2015)** – The City of Orillia and Tribal Partners Orillia Inc. have entered discussions following a motion passed by Council on February 9, 2015, which authorized staff to begin negotiating a Memorandum of Understanding to locate a recreation centre at 174 West Street South in Orillia.

“Negotiations have begun and I’m happy to report that both parties have come to the table with a positive outlook and collaborative approach,” said Mayor Steve Clarke. “The business terms have been well discussed and it will be up to our solicitors now to draft the necessary documents to be brought back to Council for consideration.”

Once the Memorandum of Understanding is signed, Tribal Partners would commence a due diligence process agreed to by the City's consultants and the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change.

The City of Orillia has retained Golder Associates, environmental professionals, who are working closely with Tribal Partners’ environmental professionals, SPL Consultants Limited, and the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change, allowing these parties to have a productive dialogue.

“We feel these meetings have established a positive working relationship which supports plans to begin construction of a recreation centre at 174 West Street South during this term of Council,” said Lance Trumble, Managing Director of Tribal Partners Orillia Inc.

To ensure the community is kept up-to-date, a project webpage has been established at [orillia.ca/recreationfacility](http://orillia.ca/recreationfacility). An easy-to-find link has also been added to the front page of the municipal website under the ‘Quick Links’ section. Additional information and updates will be provided through this webpage as they become available.

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