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## **Rotary Pledges \$75,000 to Rec Centre**

(Owen Sound) Rotary Club of Owen Sound's \$75,000 pledge of support for the new Regional Recreation Centre, "builds on the 31-member group's long-standing interest in families and youth", Rotary president Bill Black said in a statement Monday (Dec. 6, 2010).

Black announced the pledge at the Inn on the Bay, Monday, during Rotary's weekly meeting to Rec Centre fund-raising committee co-chairs Sonya Mount and Tom Rice.

"We have a mandate to work with children and the Rec Centre falls right in line with the thinking of Rotarians," Black said.

The \$38.6 million centre is a joint project of the city of Owen Sound, area municipalities, both federal and provincial governments and the Owen Sound Family Y. It includes two, NHL-sized arenas as well as a new aquatic centre, gymnasium and running/walking track.

"If we can help the children of the community and their families, it's quite an easy segue into supporting such a great community project as the Recreation Centre," Black said.



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Construction began in March on the centre at Victoria Park and is now well underway. Rotary's pledge adds to more than \$2.3 million raised so far in a \$5 million, Y-led campaign to complete financing.

"The Rotary Club has a history of providing opportunities for children and youth," Sonya Mount said. "Their generous donation to the Regional Recreation Centre expands its existing partnership with the Y and continues the commitment to a healthy, active community," Mount said.

Rotary has a long-standing relationship with the Owen Sound Family Y which provides programming and management for the club's Camp Presqu'ile summer sleepover camp for children just north of the city. That Family Y link made it an easy sell to club members, Black said.

Rotary in Owen Sound operates a variety of projects to raise funds for community service work including the Rotary Attack Challenge, annual volleyball and ball hockey tournaments as well as festive season ham sales.

"It's obviously a great project," Black said of the Recreation Centre. "In building a community you have to have the foresight to see into the future and beyond the current concerns over cost and taxation and take a look at what is probably a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," Black said.

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