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Township of Hornepayne Announces New Community Fitness Centre and Library Addition

Construction is scheduled to begin in late September 2026 at 1 Tower Road

HORNEPAYNE, ON — The Township of Hornepayne is pleased to announce that its new fitness centre and public library addition at the Hornepayne Community Arena, located at 1 Tower Road, is proceeding to construction. Construction is scheduled to begin in late September 2026. The project will expand access to recreation, literacy, community programming and welcoming public space within a single, convenient community destination.

The project includes an 80-foot-wide by 60-foot-deep, single-storey addition positioned to the right of the arena's existing front entrance. The addition will be attached to the existing building and extend toward the parking area to accommodate its full depth while preserving the established arena entrance and the current arena façade.

The project will be constructed by Rideout Bay Developments Inc., which also recently constructed the residential building at 180 Front Street and the Studio 6 Motel in Hornepayne.

"Having built the Studio 6 Motel in Hornepayne, our team understands the practical realities of delivering quality construction in Northern communities. This new fitness centre and library addition will create a welcoming place for recreation, learning and community connection. We are proud to contribute our local experience and work with the Township and its partners to deliver this important community project."

— Ben Cohen, CEO, Rideout Bay Developments Inc.



*Exterior rendering of the new fitness centre and library addition at 1 Tower Road.
Artist's rendering. Final construction details, materials and finishes may vary.*

PROJECT FEATURES AT A GLANCE

COMPONENT	PROJECT FEATURE
Overall addition	Approximately 80 feet wide by 60 feet deep, providing about 4,800 square feet of new indoor space.
Community fitness centre	At approximately 2,000 square feet, the fitness centre will be about 35% larger than the current facility. It will provide flexible activity space with three high clerestory windows for natural light and privacy.
Public library	A new and expanded library area with shelving, a circulation desk and a librarian office located along the rear wall.
Reading and sitting area	A dedicated area with large windows on two sides, lounge seating and small tables—ideal for quiet reading and small gatherings such as story time or seniors' gatherings.
Shared entrance	One larger glazed vestibule with a common exterior entrance and separate interior access to the fitness centre and library.
Exterior character	Two-tone brown Hardie-panel-style cladding and a single-slope roof designed to drain from the rear toward the front.



A SHARED COMMUNITY DESTINATION

The new fitness centre will provide a flexible, year-round space for physical activity and recreation programming. Its wider floor area and high windows will create an open interior while maintaining privacy and allowing daylight into the space.

The library will combine the existing collections and services with comfortable space for reading, studying and informal gathering. The windowed reading area will create a bright and inviting setting, while the rear librarian office will support day-to-day operations without interrupting the main public area.

A central shared vestibule will provide a clear entrance to both facilities. Once inside, visitors will be directed separately to the fitness centre or library. The arrangement will simplify access and wayfinding while presenting the addition as a unified community facility.

The exterior design uses warm, two-tone brown cladding intended to complement the existing arena and curling-rink buildings. A sloped roof, large library windows and carefully placed fitness-centre windows give each space a distinct identity while maintaining a consistent overall appearance.

The Township views the project as an important investment in community services that will bring recreation, learning and social connection together at an established public site. The addition will build on the arena's role as a community hub and create new space for residents of different ages and interests. Construction is scheduled to begin in late September 2026. As work advances, the Township will provide updates regarding construction activity, access to the existing facility and other information relevant to residents and facility users. Final details may be adjusted through normal construction coordination.

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