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Investment in Community Infrastructure Enhances Centre's Event Planning Efficiency

Rath Eastlink Community Centre Receives Support for Planned Improvements

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Planned infrastructure improvements to the Rath Eastlink Community Centre arena will help the Centre prepare for events more efficiently, further positioning the facility as an attractive venue for major sports competitions, concerts, and trade shows.

Parliamentary Secretary Scott Armstrong announced today that the Government of Canada is investing \$104,000, through ACOA's Innovative Communities Fund (ICF), to install black out window treatments, sliding stanchions to remove rink-side glass panels, and storage space for the ice surface covering; and to purchase a stage platform and lift equipment. The Town of Truro and the Municipality of the County of Colchester are each contributing \$32,400 toward the work.

The Centre expects to complete the improvements before it hosts Pinty's Grand Slam of Curling event in October. That event will welcome well-known athletes from the World Curling Tour Order of Merit.

The Rath Eastlink Community Centre is an accessible, energy-efficient facility boasting an NHL-sized ice surface with bowl seating for 2,500 people, as well as an aquatic centre, fitness centre, and rock climbing wall. The Centre holds a silver level designation in Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED).

Quick Facts:

- The Rath Eastlink Community Centre opened in March 2013. It is the largest indoor facility of its kind in Colchester County.
- The Centre has hosted 21 major events to date. In 2014 it served as the main concert venue for Nova Scotia Music Week.
- From October 27, 2015 to November 1, 2015, the Centre will host Pinty's Grand Slam of Curling event, welcoming members from the top 15 men's and women's teams from the World Curling Tour Order of Merit.

Quotes:

"These improvements will help the Rath Eastlink Community Centre continue to host and attract a wider range of major events. Our Government is pleased to invest in this community infrastructure which will reinforce Truro and Colchester County's economic development potential and long-term sustainability."

- *Scott Armstrong, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Employment and Social Development and Minister of Labour, and Member of Parliament for Cumberland-Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley on behalf of the Honourable Rob Moore, Minister of State (ACOA)*

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“The arena improvements will address the practical side of event planning, making our day-to-day operations at the Rath Eastlink Community Centre even more time and cost efficient. The Town of Truro and the Municipality of the County of Colchester look forward to completing these improvements as soon as possible.”

- *W. R. Mills, Mayor, Town of Truro*

Associated Links:

- [Town of Truro](#)
- [Municipality of the County of Colchester](#)
- [Rath Eastlink Community Centre](#)

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