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BURLINGTON CELEBRATES APPLEBY ICE CENTRE EXPANSION

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BURLINGTON, ON - The City of Burlington held an official ceremony today to celebrate the completion of the Appleby Ice Centre expansion.

Mike Wallace, Member of Parliament for Burlington; Kevin Flynn, Member of Provincial Parliament for Oakville on behalf of the Honourable Margaret Best, Ontario Minister of Health Promotion and Sport; and Rick Goldring, Mayor of the City of Burlington, are pleased to see the completion of this important community infrastructure project.

The expansion includes the addition of two new rinks, team rooms, and viewing areas. One rink is dedicated to hockey and ringette and the other to pleasure and competitive skating. One of the new rinks features a removable rink board to provide a more open skating environment which will enable flexibility in programming and give residents more access to ice time.

The governments of Canada and Ontario have each contributed up to \$1 million to the project. Additional funding was contributed by the City of Burlington and its' many partners for a total project cost of \$10 million.

"Expanding the Ableby Ice Centre means more Burlington residents will be able to enjoy the many activities it offers," said MP Wallace. "Through Canada's Economic Action Plan, we are creating jobs and providing families with recreation facilities they will enjoy for future generations."

"The expansion of the ice centre we are celebrating today supports our government's Open Ontario plan to stimulate the economy and create new opportunities for jobs and growth," said MPP Flynn. "Here in Burlington, Open Ontario is supporting local trades and businesses while promoting a stronger, healthier community."

"What a perfect way to kick off the holiday break," noted Burlington Mayor Rick Goldring. "This expansion is a result of community collaboration by the Ice Users and the support of all layers of government. It is a great example of how community stakeholders can work with government to make things happen for the benefit of all."

This project is one of more than 760 across the province that is moving forward thanks to a joint federal-provincial investment of more than \$380 million under the Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RInC) Program in Ontario and the Ontario Recreation Program (Ontario REC). The governments of Canada and Ontario teamed up to support Ontario's communities and create jobs by improving recreational infrastructure, as these types of projects also encourage higher levels of participation in physical activity and community building. For more information on this initiative, please visit www.rinc-on.ca.

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