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### **Oshawa Legends Centre Playground Expands to Include an Accessible Splash Pad**

*Oshawa's Legends Centre playground to include an accessible splash pad*

OSHAWA – The Legends Centre, one of Oshawa's largest recreation facilities has received upgrades to its playground to include a new accessible splash pad. The City, with assistance through a \$166,666-investment from the federal government's Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund, has expanded and improved the playground at the Legends Centre to include the installation of an accessible splash pad.

The new accessible splash pad provides a tot and senior area with a variety of spray and water features as well as shade tables and tree plantings. Through input received through the Oshawa Accessibility Advisory Committee, the splash pad is fully accessible offering barrier free walkways and accessible seating. In addition, the Optimist Club of Oshawa donated a wheel chair. The splash pad is also environment friendly as the fully automated splash pad conserves and decreases water usage by filtration and recirculation.

"I am very pleased that federal funding will be used to upgrade the Legends Centre," stated Dr. Carrie, Member of Parliament for Oshawa and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of the Environment. "Health and wellness has always been important to me and it has been a goal of mine to provide more opportunities for recreational activities for people of all ages in Oshawa. The Legends Centre is already becoming a fixture in our community, and this funding will ensure that all Oshawa residents can enjoy it."

"This new splash pad will be a great complement to the already popular Legends Centre and will serve our community for years to come," said Mayor Henry. "Splash pads have become a favourite summer destination for children and parents to cool off, and offer a fun way to create memories during hot summer days. With the help from the Government of Canada, we are able to include the Legends Centre Splash Pad to our list of great amenities. The City of Oshawa continues to make progress, strengthen neighbourhoods and attract new residents and investment in Oshawa."

“An accessible splash pad at Legends is a great addition to the facility where the pool and a playground are also accessible, and this is another example of how Oshawa is continually addressing the accessibility needs of our residents and visitors,” said Councillor Bob Chapman, Chair of the Community Services Committee. “We always appreciate the assistance and support of the Government of Canada in projects like this one.”

The Legends Centre opened in 2006 and annually welcomes over 1 million visitors. The Legends Centre includes a four-pad arena, indoor pool with lazy river and waterslide, fitness centre with walking track, gymnasium and an accessible outdoor playground and splash pad. It is also home to a branch of the Oshawa Senior Citizens Centres and the Oshawa Public Libraries.

For more information on the [Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund](#), visit [www.FedDevOntario.gc.ca](http://www.FedDevOntario.gc.ca).

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