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## RECREATION CENTRE UNVEILED IN DUNMORE

DUNMORE — A community project two years in the making will have its grand opening Friday night.

The EDF Outdoor Recreation Centre in Dunmore was originally conceived in March 2021 by the Dunmore Community Association as a replacement for an aging ice rink, but has become far more than that – a year-round facility with ample space for sports, events, and much more.

“We dreamed big and had a lot of partners willing to support that dream,” says Trisha Drescher, president of the Dunmore Community Association. “This facility will serve the people of Dunmore and Cypress County for decades to come. It’s been well worth all of the effort put into it.”

That effort has come from innumerable sources. Naming rights went to the biggest donor, EDF Renewables, which not only spent \$150,000 on the recreation centre, but has pledged an ongoing \$10,000 annually for organizations in Dunmore and their Cypress Wind Project. Cypress County has donated \$119,050 in addition to providing guidance to the community organizers.

Other key donors include GVN Structures (which also built the massive open-air structure covering the rink), Richardson Pioneer, Wahl Construction, and Industrial Backhoes.

The volunteer-driven project is ahead of schedule, with final touches expected to be complete this year.

The sold-out grand opening starts at 5:30 p.m. Friday, May 26 with the ribbon cutting, followed by live entertainment, a barbecue dinner, beer gardens and more. Tickets were free.

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