



Cowan Recreation Centre

Project Update

April 2026

Multiplex Construction Canada is delivering this project for the City Of Kitchener to bring a brand-new indoor recreation complex to RBJ Schlegel Park.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Construction Manager:
Multiplex

Architect:
Unity Design Studios

Owner:
The City Of Kitchener

Cowan Recreation Centre is a 220,000 square foot mixed-use recreational complex that will be located on 1664 Huron Road, Kitchener, Ontario. Construction started in early 2024 and will be complete in 2026.



PROJECT OVERVIEW

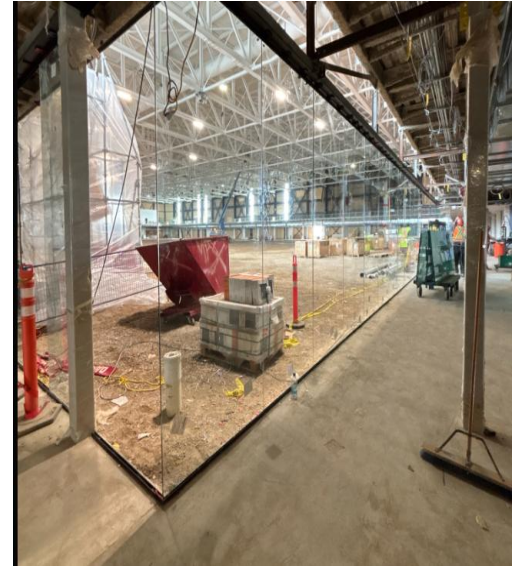
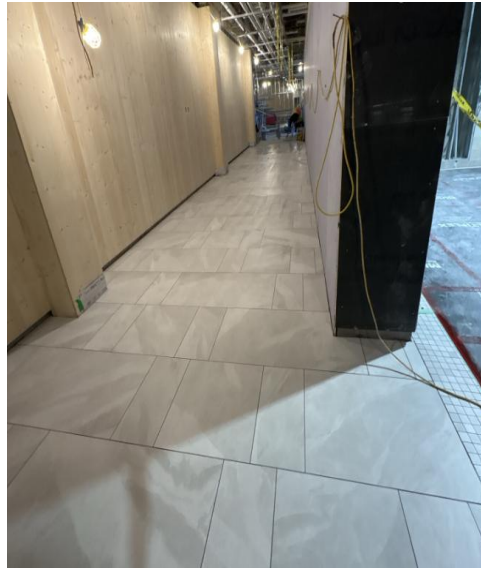
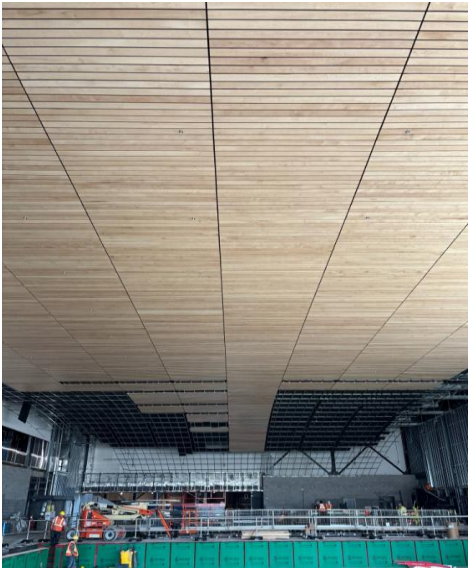
- Cowan Recreation Centre is an Integrated Project Delivery (IPD) contract to deliver this recreation complex to the City of Kitchener.
- The facility will include many different amenities, all of which are planned and designed to support a greater diversity of sports and physical activities in the community.
- The following amenities are included in the initial plan:
 - (1) a FIFA-sized indoor turf fieldhouse that can be used for soccer, cricket, lacrosse and more.
 - (2) an indoor pool area that includes both a leisure pool and a lane pool.
 - (3) viewing galleries for the pool area.
 - (4) an indoor walking track around the perimeter of the indoor turf facility.
 - (5) two indoor cricket practice nets.
 - (6) multipurpose rooms for community events, parties and other rentals.
 - (7) quad gymnasium.
- The complex will be Kitchener's first net-zero carbon building and one of the most sustainable recreation facilities in Canada.
- The project is pursuing certification under the Canada Green Building Council Zero Carbon Building Standard v3 – Design (ZCB – Design), which is the highest level of certification for zero carbon building standards in Canada.
- The plans for the complex include a geothermal heating and cooling system, as well as the city's largest array of solar panels. These features will reduce 43 tonnes of carbon annually and save the city close to \$190,000 in utility costs every year.
- The building is over 220,000 square feet with a project budget of \$174 million.



PLEASE NOTE

There will be noise, dust and vibration associated with the construction of this project. Multiplex has a comprehensive control plan in place to mitigate the impact of construction on the community and will ensure all work is within acceptable levels and meets the requirements of all applicable by-laws.

Built to outperform.



Pictured: Cowan Recreation Centre progress update as of April 9th, 2026.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES April – June 2026

Our upcoming construction activities are:

Aquatic Centre:

- Wood ceiling to be completed over the pool
- Completion of pool deck tiles
- Installation of Appliances and Millwork
- Installation of Pool Artwork

Atrium:

- Installation of Ceiling Timber Tiles
- Completion of interior Glass doors & walls
- Installation of Elevator completion
- Floor and wall tiling

Gym:

- High level services and painting to be completed
- Installation of Basketball hoops
- Exterior Metal cladding commenced

Field House:

- Interior paint complete.
- O/H mechanical / electrical works complete
- Track and perimeter rubber flooring install
- Exterior facade cladding completed

Exterior:

- On-going sidewalks and landscaping works

PROJECT HIGHLIGHT

By the end of June, the project aims to complete the pool wood ceiling, pool deck and wall tiles as well as the Pool Artwork and Millwork are expected to be installed around the whole site. The porcelain scope around the building is also expected to be completed.



Pictured: Metal cladding and porcelain tile.



WORKING HOURS

Our standard working hours are **Monday to Sunday** from **7am to 7pm**, in accordance with the Kitchener Municipal Code Chapter 450.6.1 – Noise. If we need to carry work outside of standard construction hours, we will notify you in advance.

CONTACT US

If you have an enquiry or feedback, we would like to hear from you. Please contact the Multiplex Project Team at:

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