



# MOUNT FOREST AQUATICS AD-HOC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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### **T.D. Smith Transport commits \$500,000 to new Mount Forest Outdoor Pool**

#### ***New pool to be known as T.D. Smith Aquatic Centre upon opening in honour of contribution***

MOUNT FOREST - The Mount Forest Aquatics Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee is excited to announce a generous \$500,000 donation from T.D. Smith Transport towards the construction of the new Mount Forest Outdoor Pool. In recognition of this significant contribution, the facility will be named the T.D. Smith Aquatic Centre when it officially opens.

"We are extremely grateful for the generous contribution by T.D. Smith Transport and the Smith Family to the new Mount Forest Outdoor Pool," said Sherry Burke, Chair of the Mount Forest Aquatics Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee. "Our community is fortunate to have corporate donors such as T.D. Smith that truly make a difference with their dedication to support community organizations, sports and recreation in Mount Forest, and their commitment is truly commendable. This Diamond Level donation will significantly assist in achieving our fundraising goal to provide an updated modern aquatic facility for the residents of Mount Forest and the surrounding area. The new outdoor pool will be an accessible community hub where residents of all ages and abilities can come together, stay active, and enjoy the benefits of swimming and water activities for many years."

Mike Smith, President of T.D. Smith Transport, said the decision to support the new outdoor pool was made for the betterment of the community.

"T.D. Smith Transport and the Smith Family have always been deeply committed to supporting our community. We are thrilled to contribute to this project," said Smith. "The children of Mount Forest deserve a dedicated space where they can learn to swim, stay cool during the hot summer months, gather safely with their friends, creating lasting memories while creating employment for our youth as well. The new pool will provide them with exactly that. We are proud to be part of an initiative that will have such a positive impact on the lives of our community's children."

The new Mount Forest Outdoor Pool will be located on Princess Street, adjacent to the Mount Forest and District Sports Complex. The approximately \$5.3 million project has a community fundraising goal of \$2.5 million. Once 80 per cent of the fundraising target has been met, next steps in the construction of the new outdoor pool will begin.

The Mount Forest Aquatics Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee welcomes the opportunity to speak to local committee groups, service clubs and businesses about the new Mount Forest Outdoor Pool. For more information or to book a presentation, please contact Chair, Sherry Burke at 519-321-1533 or [sburke@wellington-north.ca](mailto:sburke@wellington-north.ca), or Ray Tout at 519-323-7794 or [raymondtout@gmail.com](mailto:raymondtout@gmail.com).



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Photo caption:

T.D. Smith Transport has pledged \$500,000 to the new outdoor pool in Mount Forest, which will be named the T.D. Smith Aquatic Centre upon opening. Members of the Mount Forest Aquatics Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee received the pledge from Shauna MacQuarrie, Tyler Smith, and Dennis Black of T.D. Smith Transport earlier this month. Pictured from left: Al Leach, Sherry Burke, Shauna MacQuarrie, Flora Burke, Dennis Black, and Tyler Smith.

