



Milton Velodrome (Mattamy National Cycling Centre) Frequently Asked Questions

The Facility

Why is it so important to have a permanent facility?

A permanent cycling facility is a vital component to the TORONTO 2015 Pan Am/Parapan Am Games. By building a permanent, indoor facility that can operate year-round we are ensuring a lasting legacy from the TORONTO 2015 Games for current and future high-performance track cyclists in Ontario and all of Canada. Although cheaper, a temporary venue or outdoor venue would not achieve this goal.

For more than two decades now, high-performance track cyclists have been without a world-class training facility in Canada. This has meant they have had to leave the country for months at a time for training, usually travelling to California.

The Class 1 track in Milton, which will feature a 250-metre timber track with two 42-degree angle banks, is designed to meet the most stringent requirements set by the International Cycling Union (UCI) for international competitions. It is the same designation velodromes must attain to hold Olympic, Paralympic and elite world championships. It will be the sole facility in Canada that meets these requirements.

This will also become the first-ever UCI-regulated, indoor velodrome in Canada, and second in Canada/USA, according to Cycling Canada. The VELO Sports Centre at the Home Depot Centre complex in Carson, California is currently the only covered, UCI-regulated velodrome in Canada/USA.

The track will be designed by Dale Hughes of WorldRecord Tracks, Inc., considered one of the top companies for these highly specialized sports facilities.

Where will the facility be located?

The new indoor cycling facility will be located in the heart of the proposed Milton Education Village, which is adjacent to some of the best road and trail cycling routes in Ontario, with ease of access and potential for tremendous cycling synergies. The facility will be located on Pan Am Boulevard, just west of Tremaine Road at the westerly extension of Louis St. Laurent Boulevard.

When does construction begin?

Construction will start in February 2013.

When will the facility be completed and available for use by the community?

The project is expected to reach substantial completion in the fall of 2014. Substantial completion reflects the date at which the facility is ready for use in accordance with the contractual requirements. The Milton Pan Am and Parapan Am Velodrome will be fully operational shortly thereafter. This means the community will be able to enjoy this facility before athletes start arriving for the TORONTO 2015 Games.

How will usage of the facility be determined?

The velodrome is anticipated to be managed by a non-profit corporation or board of management (yet to be determined) with the asset owned by the Town of Milton. Allocation policies will be developed to ensure a harmonic balance between the facility as a national cycling centre as well as a community legacy facility, addressing the two primary objectives of the business plan.

Who gets to use it the most/least?

The Town of Milton's business case is predicated on two important principles of legacy:

1. The velodrome operates as the Canadian Cycling Centre, with a core mandate to promote competitive success of Canadian athletes, development and training, and hosting of international events; and

2. The velodrome operates as a community cycling facility with a mandate to meet a range of expectations from cycling groups in the community, as well as users of the infield for non-track sports and community/corporate events. As a community legacy facility, the venue will be expected to offer facilities and program that speak directly to Town priorities in regard to the promotion of health and wellness, sport, recreation and leisure.

Is the complex designed to meet LEED (Leadership in Environmental and Energy Design) standards?

Yes, The design and construction of the Milton Pan Am and Parapan Am Velodrome will adhere to the guidelines and sustainability principles of the LEED rating system. The goal is to achieve a LEED Silver standard for the facility.

What is the track made of?

The timber track will be constructed from Siberian spruce. Siberian timber is renowned for its hardness and long, straight lines, which makes it ideal in the construction of world-class velodromes and in producing world records. For example, the velodrome built for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games used Siberian pine.

The Funding

How do I get involved in fundraising?

- Create awareness - become a friend and champion of the Milton Velodrome.
- Support - sponsor a portion of the venue with a naming opportunity.
- Donate - make a personal donation and receive a charitable donation receipt for eligible donors.
- Fundraise - run a club or group event or program to raise money for the Milton Velodrome.

What type of donation can I make?

The Town of Milton accepts four (4) types of donations:

3. Naming opportunities for businesses
4. Naming opportunities for individuals
5. Sponsorship
6. General donation

Will I receive a tax receipt?

Yes! The Town of Milton will issue tax receipts for donations over \$20 Canadian, for general donations and naming opportunities* for individuals.

*Tax receipt options may vary depending on the type of naming opportunity and in compliance with the Canada Revenue Agency guidelines.

Tax receipt treatment for naming opportunities for businesses and sponsorship varies. Please contact the Town of Milton with specific questions: recreation@milton.ca.

Who can donate funds?

- Companies
- Individuals
- Cyclists
- Non-cyclists
- Cycling clubs
- Community members
- Everyone!

Why is the Milton Pan Am and Parapan Am Velodrome an important facility for Milton and surrounding communities?

The permanent facility would serve as a high performance and community legacy, founded on the principles of supporting high performance and community cycling participation and growth, volunteer development, sport tourism, financial viability, community engagement and diversity.

The velodrome will also meet the top standards for hosting the best high profile international championships and world-class competitions, thereby creating the potential for growing Milton's sports tourism potential.

The Sport

How will cycling in Canada benefit?

With Milton, the Canadian team will be able to train and compete year-round in a single location. This will have significant and quick impact on the international results of Canadians, as well as sustaining the long-term athlete development for track cycling, according to Cycling Canada. Track cycling depends heavily on road cyclists to convert to the track at the end of the road season. Without the necessary indoor training capacity in Canada, Cycling Canada has had to keep the size of the national team small and focused on only six of the 10 Olympic events.

With the velodrome in Milton, Cycling Canada will be able to build both national team and development squads with sufficient depth and quality to ensure strong performances in the international arena. Milton is also looking to build interest in school age athletes, which will help ensure a group of users that will be ready to move onto the track when it is completed.

Of equal importance is the impact on the health and well being of Canadians as we raise the profile of the sport in this country. As we develop gold medal athletes, interest and support for cycling will grow which will lead to more cyclists on the road, thus reducing our carbon footprint, air pollution, urban congestion and health care costs.

The Games

What is the name of the facility?

A: The name for the facility during the Games is the Milton Pan Am and Parapan Am Velodrome.

What sports will the venue host during the TORONTO 2015 Games?

This venue will host all men's and women's track cycling events during the Pan Am and Parapan Am Games in the summer of 2015.

If the velodrome opens to the community in the fall 2014, when does TORONTO 2015 take possession of the facility to prepare for the Games and when does Milton get it back?

Each facility possession will be determined based on the venue and the extent of overlay and other preparation work. We are working closely with our partners to coordinate the timing for handover and turn back to minimize the disruption to each facility's regular operations.

Will the velodrome be closed to the people of Milton when the Games are on?

Yes. There will be no community use of the facility during the Games (except for spectators!).

What is the seating capacity for the velodrome?

The Games-time seating capacity is up to 2,500 spectators.

I've heard Cycling Canada and Cycling Ontario are planning to have offices in the velodrome once completed. Is that true?

Cycling Canada will move its Track Cycling High Performance program to Milton. It will also have coaches and some integrated support services staff in Milton.

Is this facility the recipient of TORONTO 2015 Pan Am/Parapan Am Games Sport Legacy Funding?

The TORONTO 2015 Pan Am/Parapan Am Games Sport Legacy Fund will also contribute to the operation and capital maintenance of three key venues related to the Games. These venues are:

- Milton Pan Am and Parapan Am Velodrome
- Pan Am and Parapan Am Aquatics Centre and Field House at the University of Toronto Scarborough campus
- Pan Am and Parapan Am Athletics Stadium at York University

The Legacy Fund is \$70 million. It is jointly funded by the Government of Canada (\$65 million) and the Province of Ontario (\$5 million).

