



Media Release

YMCA of Owen Sound Grey Bruce receives \$100,000 Donation from Local Couple

Owen Sound, ON – Local resident Elgin Warrilow and his late wife Shirley have donated \$100,000 to the YMCA of Owen Sound Grey Bruce. Elgin and Shirley discussed ways to give back to Owen Sound, the city where they lived, worked, and raised their family, before Shirley passed away in 2017. Elgin and Shirley established the E & S Warrilow Memorial Fund through the Benefaction Foundation and Investment Advisor and Vice President David J. Black of CIBC Wood Gundy to support their community.

The \$100,000 will go towards creating a community green space at the back of the North parking lot at the Julie McArthur Regional Recreation Centre, located at 700 10th Street East, Owen Sound and also the home of the YMCA Health, Fitness and Aquatics facility. The green space plans to include a natural playground and shelter with picnic tables. The playground will blend natural materials, features, and indigenous vegetation with creative landforms to create play opportunities that challenge and fascinate children and allow them to connect with nature.

YMCA CEO, Gayle Graham says “The YMCA is so thankful for Elgin’s generosity. We are excited to have a natural outdoor space where our community can come together with their family and friends. It will expand the community hub we currently have offering children an additional space to achieve personal growth in spirit, mind and body. The space will also be a great area for our YMCA Summer Camps, a program that gives local children an unforgettable summer each year.”

Elgin, his late wife Shirley and family have always believed in supporting kids and the community as much as they can. This is the second of four donations Elgin is making, he hopes his generosity will set a good example and inspire others to step forward and give back to their community as well.



Pictured from left to right: David Black, CIBC Wood Gundy; David Johnstone, YMCA Past President; Elgin Warrilow, holding a picture of his late wife Shirley; Bill Van Wyck; Jane Mothersell, CIBC Wood Gundy; Gwynne Potter, YMCA Vice President; Gayle Graham, YMCA CEO