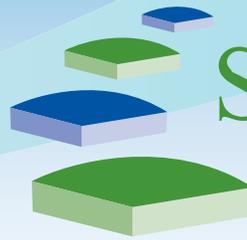


# LOMOND MULTI PURPOSE FACILITY



## Lomond Community Spirit Burns Brightly

For the 175 residents of Lomond, finding ways to expand and revitalize is a key factor in keeping their small-town way of life alive. What began as an observation between parents nearly five years ago has become a full-scale renovation project, guaranteed to keep this community on the map for years to come.

Construction of the Lomond Multipurpose Facility began in April 2008 after several years of meetings and endeavours to gather funding. The facility will be wheelchair accessible, entailing a full-size gymnasium, a new kitchen, fitness centre, equipment room, and large lobby area.

For its community effort, Lomond was presented with SouthGrow's 2010 Award of Excellence in Business Investment and Attraction.

Dee Murray, one of seven who spearheaded the initiative, explains creating a facility that was wheelchair accessible was vital.

"(It) was a major concern in our community," says Murray. "Our Community Centre has stairs so it was limited to seniors and others. Funerals, weddings and gathering were a concern to the public for that reason."

"Being a small organization in a small community, and to accomplish what we have is commendable," says Murray. "To have someone outside the community recognize this and nominate us for this award was outstanding."

Murray notes that although the project has had its own set of challenges, the result has been well worth the effort.



*Celebrating the new multi-purpose facility. Back row (L to R) Jason Milos, Kelly Murray, Kent Sande, Glenn Logan, Marie Logan. Kneeling (L to R) Todd Hendrinks, Dee Murray, Karl Hiebert*

"It was a huge undertaking, and it was something I thought was important for our school and community," she says.

Murray says the community hopes the facility will attract new users, too.

"We have already had inquiries from outside the community for sporting events," explains Murray. "It is an asset for our school, seniors, and public use. It has made me feel happy and content that we have succeeded in what we set out to do."

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