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Andy O'Brien, GSC
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Dear Andy,

Re: West Lincoln Multi-Use Recreation Centre, Smithville ON

On behalf of Architecture49 (A49), it is my pleasure to provide this positive letter of recommendation for Ball Construction Inc (Ball).

Over the past 30 years, A49 has proudly partnered with Ball Construction on approximately 20 successfully completed multi-use sports and recreation facilities ranging in value from \$10M to \$50M. The \$23.5M West Lincoln Multi-Use Recreation Centre in Smithville, Ontario is the latest collaboration between our two companies and we are prouder than ever to have worked with Ball Construction in the successful execution of this project. The development was complex and required special attention to the budget, schedule and site control. Ball closely managed the project through the duration of the design and construction to ensure the project milestones and objectives were satisfied within the budget and schedule.

Some key features of this project included:

- New NHL sized rink with spectator seating for 450.
- 6 large capacity change rooms including 2 accessible change rooms
- 2 lane walking track
- Team offices
- Administration offices
- 929 m² (10,000 SF) Branch Library
- Multi-use gymnasium with retractable seating
- Concession
- Multi-purpose meeting room for up to 200 persons
- Gross Floor Area: 8,616m² (92,742 SF)
- Parking: 300 spaces including 8 barrier free spaces
- Skate park, splash pad, playground, and walking trails

A49 worked together successfully throughout the project with Ball Construction and their design-build team to fast track resolutions to design and site issues. The Ball team of Gary Hauck and Rod Aitken during design, and then Andy O'Brien and Ian



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Desrosiers during construction, worked seamlessly with the Client team to ensure their expectations were being met and often exceeded through all stages of the project.

We understand the new recreation centre has been an overall success for facility user groups and the public, and in turn a success for the client, the Township of West Lincoln. A49 is proud of the final product and its quality is due in large part to Ball Construction.

Sincerely,

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