

## The Club at North Halton

Georgetown, Ontario, Canada



A Sense of Community.

“D&E handled the project very well. The aesthetics and the quality are great”.

Kyle Stewart, GM, The Club at North Halton



The tag line, “You Belong Here”, is oddly compelling and a little surprising in its boldness. It was crafted by ‘The Club at North Halton’ to draw people into an environment that is at once inviting and welcoming. Situated in the heart of Georgetown, Ontario, this club has long roots in this established community as a centre for golf, curling, and socializing at any point throughout a busy week. The family focus is clear as one reviews the monthly newsletter boasting pictures of laughing children and seasoned curling or golfing champions, season dependent. There is something for everyone at this all-embracing facility.

A Club so focused on its members is continuously looking for their input. One of the more structured approaches to gaining this input was a strategic study undertaken to determine “what the members wanted”, says Kyle Stewart, General Manager, “and locker rooms were first on the list”.

The clubhouse dates from 1954 when the club was first established as North Halton Golf and Country Club. The facilities had not undergone any major renovations until recently. In a previous position at another club, Stewart had spearheaded a major renovation that included locker rooms. He came to this project armed with the names of several companies supplying lockers and locker room amenities to golf and country clubs. For ‘The Club at North Halton’, his criteria for selecting the locker manufacturer was two-fold; a high concern for details and locally made product. Speaking to colleagues at the NGCOA, as well as other Club General Managers, recommendations came back in favour of D&E Industries. A visit to the D&E plant and a review of the showroom were the deciding factors in the awarding of the contract for the supply of the lockers and locker room amenities.

The process had already begun with the club's internal committee making the selection of the carpeting and basic colour scheme. The design team at D&E stepped in with locker and amenity design concepts and layouts.

The smaller footprint of the spaces; men's and women's locker rooms, and the desire to maintain a lounge area in both, directed several key decisions; the need for double lockers and the finessing of the layout to eliminate long sight lines providing privacy between the lounges and the change areas.

There was also a challenge to accommodate the curling brooms, a key sport enjoyed at this facility. The Zig Zag locker configuration, a variation of the double locker, was recommended to ensure curling brooms could be securely stored by each member. This did, however, require some customization to the size of the standard Zig Zag locker. The longer portion of the storage space was lengthened allowing for a clear 51 inches, the length of a standard curling broom.

Electrical panels and columns were clad with matching panels and unique towel storage units were developed to accommodate the characteristics of the building.

The thermo-fused finish was presented by DE to ensure durability against any moisture from the shower area as well as general cleanings. Several colour options were presented to work with the established scheme and met with enthusiasm by the selection committee.

The consensus from the 1,000+ members is that they, "love the locker rooms and are finding them very functional", comments Stewart. From DE's perspective, the design department enjoyed the challenge of working with the client through each step of the process.



## AREAS

- / Men's Locker Room
- / Women's Locker Room

## SCOPE

### Locker Rooms

- / 304 Thermo-fused Zig Zag lockers
- / 5 Amenities; towel drops and vanities
- / 21 Benches

## TEAM

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