

Proposed Oxford County Casino Project Builds Momentum

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The Olympia Group has unveiled preliminary plans for Oxford Highlands Resort- Spa-Casino. Executive architect, Peter Wilday, of Reno, Nevada, explained that the four-season facility was designed to capture the feel of a traditional New England village center, with a variety of architectural features such as turrets, roof treatments and storefronts characteristic of buildings in Maine.

'When I was young I was lucky enough to spend my summers on Lake Maranacook so I feel a deep connection to Maine,' said Wilday.

The project will include a 300 room hotel, a large conference center, a spacious casino featuring up to 1,500 slot machines, a wide variety of table games, fine and casual dining options, a spa, indoor and outdoor pools, parking for guests and accommodations for snowmobiles, cross country skiing and numerous other year round amenities.

'This resort is going to be a significant destination that will attract thousands of visitors to the state of Maine. Additionally it will have a much needed conference center for regional business functions,' said Pat LaMarche, Spokesperson for Vote Yes on 2 for Maine.

In regards to the actual design and building schedule, Wilday stated: 'We will utilize a phased approach for this wonderful, environmentally friendly project.'

The \$100 million first phase of this project will include:

125 well appointed hotel rooms & suites.

1,200 slots, table games and a poker room.

Three to four casual and fine dining restaurants including a live action buffet, a café and a seafood-steak house.

A bar and lounge featuring live entertainment.

Regional conference center.

A spa and fitness center.

A large indoor pool.

The estimated \$50 million second phase will include:

175 well appointed hotel rooms & suites.

Expanded casino floor, which includes up to 300 slots.

Additional specialty restaurants.

An entertainment venue accommodating headliners and musical productions.

Expanded meeting and convention space.

Additional outdoor pool and expanded spa and fitness center.

The Olympia Group is a multifaceted organization whose subsidiaries and related entities include the successful 2,750-acre Southern Highlands master-planned community in Las Vegas, as well as some of the most desirable and high-profile real estate and mixed-use projects throughout the state of Nevada. The formation of a gaming division reflects the natural evolution of the company that opened the successful Casino Fandango in Carson City, Nevada in 2003. Olympia is in the planning stages of several gaming projects including Legends Bay Casino-Resort-Spa, a mixed-use destination resort in Sparks, Nevada and Southern Highlands Casino-Resort-Spa, a mixed use casino and destination retail lifestyle center located on 100 acres in Las Vegas' emerging South Strip entertainment corridor. In addition, it holds numerous other entitled gaming sites in Las Vegas and northern Nevada.

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