With the 2015 Pan/Parapan American Games just over a year away, the Milton velodrome is beginning to take shape, as workmen continue to install the exterior panels of the facility. Construction is eight weeks behind schedule, however.
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Construction of velodrome eight weeks behind schedule

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The Mattamy National Cycling Centre is starting to take shape, but the December ice storm and an overall frigid winter has caused an eight-week delay in its construction.

Ontario Sports Solutions (ONSS), the joint venture building the velodrome, recently advised Infrastructure Ontario that the ice storm, prolonged frigid temperatures and high winds in southern Ontario have contributed to the delays.

"The velodrome was originally scheduled to be complete 12 months before the Games and at minimum there will be 10 months for testing to ensure the velodrome is functioning and tested in a competition environment," said Terence Foran, spokesperson for Infrastructure Ontario (IO).

In a memo sent in late March, town councillors were made aware of the issue and advised that other facilities being built in Hamilton and Toronto for the 2015 Pan/Parapan American Games were also behind schedule.

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