



PARKS AND RECREATION EDITION

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MAYOR NEWSLETTER

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I hope you had a great summer and are now enjoying the beautiful fall colours and bounty of the harvest season in Ontario, especially in Brampton. From pumpkin carving and Halloween events to fall festivals to cultural celebrations, there's so much for families to enjoy this season.

In my fall newsletter, I am highlighting the City of Brampton's investments in our parks and recreation programs and amenities. Our public spaces and recreation programming continue to evolve as our city grows. Creating vibrant and thriving spaces that will serve as the backdrop for a healthy, engaged community is a priority for us. An active city is a healthy city.

Whether you're accessing trails, playing team sports, or taking swimming lessons, we want to ensure the needs of our growing community continue to be met. Your feedback is crucial as we work to offer the best amenities that will be used for years to come, adding to and improving on our already incredible network of parks, trails, and community centres.


If you have questions, I can be reached at
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Patrick Brown, Mayor

\$1M RAISED FOR SECOND HOSPITAL

HOCKEY NIGHT IN BRAMPTON



Our second Hockey Night in Brampton event raising a record breaking \$1M for William Osler Health Foundation and \$100,000 for the John Tavares Foundation! This night would not have been possible without the generosity of the players, coaches, sponsors, fans, and staff who rallied around an incredible cause. Learn more at www.hockeynightbrampton.ca

157 MILLION TV VIEWS WORLDWIDE!

GT20 CRICKET TOURNAMENT



This summer, Brampton made its mark as the Cricket Capital of North America, taking centre stage and garnering coverage from around the world. We proudly hosted thousands of enthusiastic fans at over 25 games showcasing Brampton to millions of viewers from over 80 countries. We are committed to fulfilling the demand for a new multi-purpose cricket facility in our city. Learn more at www.gt20.ca



WINTER OPTIMIZATION OF RECREATIONAL AMENITIES

Brampton City Council approved a ground-breaking project for Brampton — a \$6.8 million investment for two winterized air-supported structures at Rosalea Park. These new structures, located at 38 Union St, will come to life before the start of the 2024/2025 winter season and will house tennis courts providing year-round tennis amenities, with an emphasis on getting Brampton's youth involved. The City is currently exploring feasible locations for the winterization of cricket. This will provide all year-round availability to meet the growing demands for additional cricket facilities city-wide.

Earlier this year, thanks to support from our federal partners, the Brampton Tennis Club unveiled facility enhancements, including:

- accessible washrooms and shower facilities
- players' lounge and kitchenette
- raised deck overlooking the courts
- additional green space, fencing and lighting



PICKLEBALL

The City of Brampton has seen an increased demand for dedicated pickleball courts. There are currently 12 overlay courts and 4 dedicated pickleball courts. To meet the needs of residents, approximately 19 courts will be installed city-wide within the next three years. Construction of 6 dedicated pickleball courts will commence fall 2023.

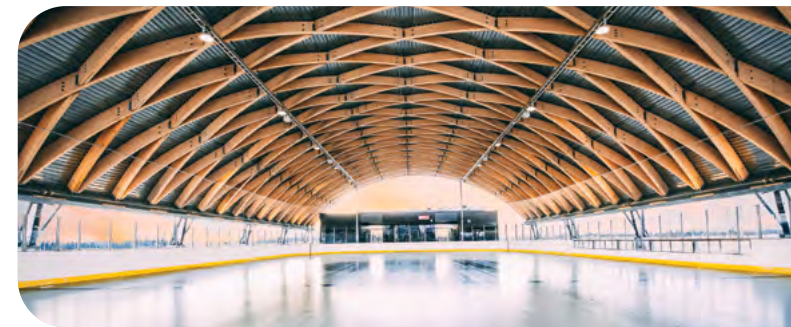
NEW CASSIE CAMPBELL COMMUNITY CENTRE FIELD HOCKEY DOME

To accommodate the construction of a field hockey dome, the existing multi-purpose cricket field currently at Chinguacousy Sandalwood Park (at Cassie Campbell Community Centre) will be relocated to Creditview Sandalwood Park. The dedicated lit cricket field will include shade structures, scoreboards, sightscreens, and irrigation. This project is anticipated to be completed in 2024, building on Brampton's extensive cricket amenities. Current cricket programming will remain unaffected.

To meet the demand for more field hockey and year-round play, a new dome will be installed at the Chinguacousy Sandalwood Park (at Cassie Campbell Community Centre). This will be full-sized artificial turf for field hockey and other sports, anticipated to be completed in 2025.

NEW OUTDOOR ICE RINKS

Expanding availability of outdoor amenities is a key priority to ensure residents stay active and healthy all winter long, from November to March. Last season, Duggan Park received a refrigerated outdoor hockey rink. This winter, Boreham Park and Peel Village Park will also have refrigerated outdoor rinks. Stay tuned for details on when all our outdoor rinks will be opening later this winter!



VICTORIA PARK RENOVATIONS

Formerly home to junior hockey and lacrosse teams in Brampton, Victoria Park is being rebuilt to enhance play. The new facility will have a fully accessible rink to accommodate indoor field hockey and box lacrosse. The upgrades also include a large multi-purpose room, universal change rooms and washrooms, a second story mezzanine with seating for 500 patrons, as well as site improvements and landscaping. The facility, which is expected to be completed by the end of 2025, will also be home to the new Brampton Sports Hall of Fame.



CENTURY GARDENS BOXED SOCCER COURT

An outdoor boxed soccer court is being added to Century Gardens Recreation Centre. The facility is being named in recognition of Atiba Hutchinson, an internationally renowned professional soccer player from Brampton. Players will have the chance to hone their talents by playing in a smaller space that encourages a more inventive style of play on the outdoor soccer court, which is anticipated to open in the spring of 2024. Additionally, the court will give locals a place to exercise, mingle, and play games.

CHRIS GIBSON RECREATION CENTRE ENHANCEMENTS UNDERWAY

The Chris Gibson Recreation Centre is undergoing a full renovation and upgrade, expected to be complete by end of 2025. The new upgrades will include a multi-sport gymnasium with a FIBA court and retractable bleachers, dance and fitness studios, and an NHL-sized ice rink. The interior will feature modifications to the auditorium theatre, multipurpose rooms, customer service desk, and a new entry and vestibule, in addition to the existing indoor pool and rink. There will be more parking spaces available, and the property will be improved with new walkways and planting, as part of the renovations.



TAPE BALL

Brampton's first dedicated tape ball cricket ground is now open at Chris Gibson Park. Cricket is one of the fastest-growing sports in Canada. Over the last three years, more than 20 enhancements have been made to cricket fields. Hardball cricket has quickly become the prime utilization of most cricket fields. With the addition of this new location, cricket enthusiasts will be able to play the sport they love.



EMBLETON COMMUNITY CENTRE TAKES SHAPE FOR 2026 OPENING

Plans for the new Embleton Community Centre are moving forward with the project team developing an architectural design for the 116,000 square foot facility. Embleton Community Centre will provide residents of southwest Brampton with a multi-use and multi-season recreation facility. The community centre will include a swimming pool, gymnasium, fitness centre and space for community groups to meet. The community centre will also have a number of outdoor amenities including tennis courts, children's playground, splash pad, junior soccer fields, seasonal ice rink, basketball courts, skate park and picnic areas.

Learn more at www.brampton.ca/rec-revitalized



NEW ACTIVITY HUBS

This summer, the City unveiled two new activity hubs featuring amenities every resident will enjoy. Gore Meadows Activity Hub and Sesquicentennial Activity Hub are fully compliant with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA), with inclusive play spaces for all ages and developmental abilities.

Gore Meadows Activity Hub amenities:

- basketball courts
- artificial turf playfield
- playgrounds
- outdoor fitness area
- outdoor amphitheatre with tiered and accessible seating
- splash pad
- shade therapeutic garden
- seating areas

Sesquicentennial Activity Hub amenities:

- playgrounds
- shade sail shelters
- splash pad
- fitness equipment
- seating area
- outdoor amphitheatre
- planting beds
- fitness area

GORE MEADOWS EAST COMMUNITY PARK

With Gore Meadows Activity Hub complete, the construction of phase two – Gore Meadows East Community Park is expected to begin this summer and is anticipated to be fully open in 2025.

Phase two will initiate the construction of the park and will feature the following:

- one fully lit premier cricket pitch
- two fully lit community cricket pitches
- nine tennis courts (three under the permanent dome and six under a seasonal dome)
- six pickleball courts
- two junior soccer fields
- playground
- shade shelter
- comfort station
- skateboard park
- 530 additional parking spaces
- fitness and cycling trails
- picnic areas
- naturalized environmental areas



NEW 51 KM TRAIL SYSTEM

The City is working to transform the newly acquired Orangeville Rail Corridor into a recreational trail system for the community. This trail system will connect the City of Brampton to the City of Mississauga and the Town of Caledon. To complete this multi-year project, the City is collaborating with the Region of Peel, neighbouring municipalities, the Conservation Authorities to create a united 'Rail to Trail' vision and secure future opportunities for a north-south connection of the Trans Canada Trail System.

The large recreational trail is envisioned to provide neighbourhoods with active transportation connections, programed amenities, and landscaping. Converting the rail corridor will allow the City to facilitate its Brampton 2040 Vision and support the goal of creating a mosaic of sustainable urban places that promote physical and mental wellness and encourage active transportation such as walking and cycling.



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