

# MAYOR NEWSLETTER

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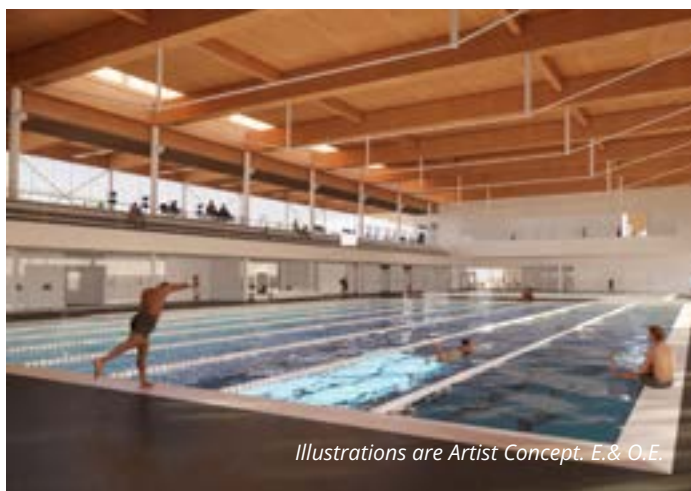
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## RECORD INVESTMENTS IN RECREATION – GAME ON BRAMPTON!

### EMBLETON COMMUNITY CENTRE – CONSTRUCTION BEGINS IN 2025

Plans are underway for the new Embleton Community Centre, a multi-use, multi-seasonal recreation facility to accommodate multiple generations with recreation programming. Embleton will provide residents of southwest Brampton (Ward 6) with a state-of-the-art facility. Some of the features planned for Embleton include a swimming pool, gymnasium, fitness centre and space for community groups to meet, in addition to a number of outdoor amenities. The facility will encourage residents to be active, and recreation programs at the new facility will promote healthy lifestyles. Stay tuned for updates.

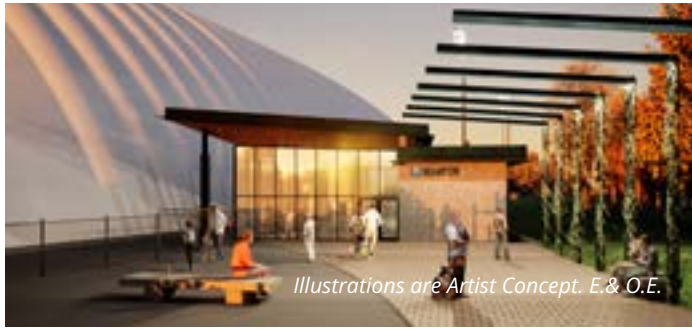


### BRAMPTON BREAKS GROUND ON NEW CASSIE CAMPBELL FIELD HOCKEY MULTISPORT TRAINING DOME

This summer, the City of Brampton proudly broke ground on the \$19-million Cassie Campbell Field Hockey Multisport Training Dome at the Cassie Campbell Community Centre. The new facility will feature a full-size turf field hockey pitch, a running track with long and triple jump pits, cricket and baseball batting cages, plus a comfort station with change rooms and washrooms. Set to open in early 2026, this investment reflects Brampton's commitment to inclusive, active living for all ages and builds on the legacy of Olympian Cassie Campbell-Pascall.







## YEAR-ROUND CRICKET COMING TO EARNSCLIFFE PARK

Exciting news for Brampton's cricket community! The City is set to open its first year-round cricket facility at Earncliffe Park (44 Eastbourne Drive) early 2026. This \$25 million project features a turf cricket field, five-lane batting cage, comfort station, and a seasonal dome to support winter play. Designed to meet growing demand, the facility will serve local and international players alike, offering inclusive, year-round opportunities for all ages and skill levels. This development highlights Brampton's commitment to expanding recreational infrastructure and celebrating the diversity of sports in our city.



## BALMORAL RECREATION CENTRE – NOW OPEN!

We're thrilled to announce the grand reopening of the Balmoral Recreation Centre at 255 Balmoral Drive! Officially opened on June 14, 2025 after a \$25 million upgrade, this modern 35,000 sq. ft. facility is nearly twice its original size. Highlights include Brampton's deepest pool at 12 feet, a sauna, a FIBA-sized gym, and multipurpose community rooms. Outside, enjoy a new splash pad and playground. Designed with enhanced accessibility and energy efficiency in mind, Balmoral is a welcoming space for residents of all ages and abilities. Come experience this exciting new hub for recreation, wellness, and community connection!



## A BOLD NEW CHAPTER FOR HOWDEN – RECREATION MEETS LEARNING

Big changes are coming to Howden! Following demolition of the current structure, a brand-new, 45,000 sq. ft. Howden Recreation Centre will feature a FIBA-sized gymnasium, multipurpose rooms, outdoor courts and play areas. Thanks to the 2025 Budget, the revitalized site will also include a modern Brampton Library branch, creating a vibrant community hub where residents of all ages can connect, learn and stay active. Designed to meet LEED Gold and Net Zero Ready standards, the facility reflects Brampton's commitment to sustainability and community well-being. Stay tuned as design plans evolve to bring this exciting vision to life.



## GORE MEADOWS EAST COMMUNITY PARK COMING SOON!

Located at 10150 The Gore Road, Gore Meadows East Community Park is set to become a vibrant hub for sports and recreation in Brampton. With a \$41 million investment, this expansive new park will feature three cricket pitches—including a premier facility—nine year-round tennis courts, multi-sport fields, pickleball courts, and scenic recreational trails. Construction begins in summer 2025 and is expected to be completed by fall 2026. This major project reflects our commitment to active living and community wellness. Get ready for an exciting new destination for residents of all ages and interests!



## CHRIS GIBSON RECREATION CENTRE – A NEW ERA FOR BRAMPTON

The Chris Gibson Recreation Centre expansion includes a 39,000-square-foot renovation and a 69,000-square-foot addition, along with a 10,000-square-foot childcare facility, bringing the total facility size to 126,000 square feet. The project will introduce a second ice rink, a new gymnasium, and dance studios, significantly enhancing recreational and community services in the area.



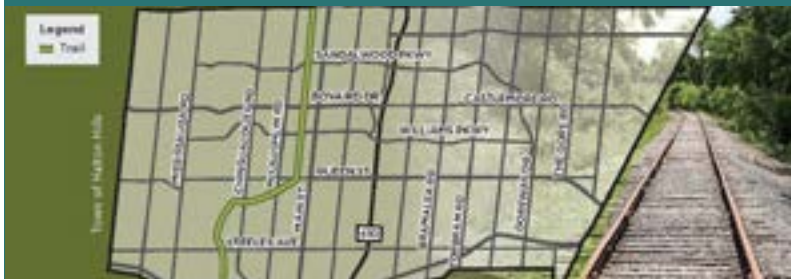
## SANDALWOOD HEIGHTS ADVENTURE PARK COMING SOON!

An exciting new destination is coming to Brampton! Sandalwood Heights Adventure Park, located at 10475 Torbram Road, will transform 3.5 hectares into a dynamic outdoor space for all ages and abilities. This \$10 million project will feature an innovative adventure playground, parkour circuit, splash pad, urban forest, and inclusive recreational amenities. Construction is set to begin in summer 2025, with completion expected by spring 2026. This new park is part of our commitment to building a healthy, active, and connected community—right in the heart of Brampton's growing northeast. Stay tuned for updates!



## CENTURY GARDENS YOUTH HUB

A new Community Youth Hub is coming to Century Gardens Recreation Centre! This vibrant 12,500 sq. ft. Space, \$19.5M project will feature gaming and e-sports, creative studios, meeting rooms and areas for youth services. Outdoor amenities will include an amphitheatre, community gardens, a basketball court, and the already-open Atiba Hutchinson soccer court. Built with input from Brampton youth and service providers, the hub is designed to inspire, support and empower the next generation. It follows the successful launch of the City's first Youth Hub at Susan Fennell Sportsplex in 2023. Stay tuned as we continue building spaces where Brampton's young people can feel seen, heard and empowered to thrive. The hub is set to be complete in March 2026.



## ORANGEVILLE-BRAMPTON RAILWAY CORRIDOR PROJECT

The City of Brampton is transforming over 14 km of the total 51 km trail system of the former Orangeville-Brampton Railway Corridor into a vibrant recreational trail. This future trail will connect Brampton to Mississauga, Caledon, Orangeville, and beyond, while linking local neighbourhoods through active transportation, green spaces, and community amenities. The project recently wrapped up Phase 1: Visioning and Public Outreach is now entering Phase 2: Technical background investigation and detailed design. Community input will continue to shape the trail's development. This exciting project will promote sustainable urban living and enhance residents' physical and mental well-being. Learn more at [brampton.ca/bort](https://brampton.ca/bort)



**SANDALWOOD PARK – NEW FULL-SIZED, NHL RINKS ON THE WAY!**

Exciting improvements are on the way for Sandalwood Park in Ward 2 as part of a major revitalization project. The upgrades will include two full-sized outdoor hockey rinks, providing more space for residents to enjoy the Canadian passion of ice hockey during the winter months. In addition to the rinks, the park will feature new outdoor recreational amenities designed to support active, healthy lifestyles for residents of all ages. These enhancements aim to transform Sandalwood Park into a vibrant year-round community hub where families, youth, and individuals can connect, play, and stay active in every season.



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**VICTORIA PARK ARENA REBUILD UNDERWAY**

Victoria Park Arena is making a comeback! Once home to Brampton’s Junior Hockey and Lacrosse teams, the facility was closed in 2016 after a fire. Now, after a major transformation, Victoria Park Arena is coming back better than ever! The new, fully accessible arena will feature a dry floor hockey rink for sports like box lacrosse and indoor field hockey, universal change rooms, gender-neutral washrooms, meeting spaces and a 500-seat mezzanine. It will proudly house the new Brampton Sports Hall of Fame with completion is expected in early 2027.



**EXCITING NEWS FOR BRAMPTON SENIORS!**

As of June 2025, Brampton residents aged 65+ can enjoy a free recreation membership through the City’s expanded 65+ Program. This \$1.5 million annual investment supports active, healthy living by offering access to fitness classes, swimming, social programs, and more — all at no cost.

Eligible seniors (Brampton residents and a citizen of Canada or Permanent Resident) can sign up by visiting a local Recreation Centre for a quick verification. Mayor Patrick Brown encourages all seniors to take advantage of this great opportunity to stay active and connected.

Learn more: [brampton.ca/seniors](https://brampton.ca/seniors)

**SUPPORT BRAMPTON’S PRO SPORTS TEAMS**



**SUPPORT OUR BRAMPTON HONEY BADGERS!**

Brampton residents, I encourage you to come out and cheer on our city’s professional basketball team—the Brampton Honey Badgers! As part of the Canadian Elite Basketball League (CEBL), the Honey Badgers bring high-level, action-packed basketball to the CAA Centre, right here in our own backyard. Originally founded in 2018 as the Hamilton Honey Badgers, the team relocated to Brampton in 2023 and has already made an impact both on and off the court.

The Honey Badgers are committed to showcasing and developing Canadian talent. In fact, over 70% of the league’s players are Canadian, making this one of the best opportunities to support homegrown athletes. The team’s front office includes experienced professionals with backgrounds in the NBA and G League, ensuring a top-tier basketball experience every game night.

Beyond the court, the Honey Badgers are dedicated to community engagement. They’ve partnered with the Brampton Minor Basketball Association (BMBA) and other local groups to promote grassroots basketball and give back to our youth. Their presence is helping to grow the game in Brampton and inspire the next generation of players.

With the excitement of the league’s unique “Target Score” ending and a talented roster featuring players like Yaw Obeng-Mensah and Wheza Panzo, every game is a must-see. I invite all Brampton residents to grab your tickets, wear your black and gold, and help pack the CAA Centre. Let’s show the Honey Badgers what Brampton pride really looks like!

To learn more, visit [honeybadgers.ca](https://honeybadgers.ca) or follow them on social media. Let’s go Honey Badgers!



**CHEER ON BRAMPTON’S OHL TEAM – THE STEELHEADS!**

I’m proud to share that Brampton is now home to one of the most exciting teams in the Ontario Hockey League – the Brampton Steelheads! As our city continues to grow, it’s incredible to welcome a major junior hockey team to the CAA Centre, right here in our backyard. The Steelheads have a long and successful history of developing NHL-calibre talent, and now Brampton residents have the opportunity to watch future hockey stars up close before they hit the big leagues.

This past year alone, the Steelheads saw four players selected in the 2025 NHL Draft, including team captain Porter Martone, who was picked 6th overall by the Philadelphia Flyers. That kind of talent is rare – and it’s playing just minutes from home. With affordable, family-friendly ticket packages like their popular Family 4-Pack, there’s never been a better time to come out and enjoy the action.

The team is also a great partner in our community, regularly visiting local schools to promote fitness, education, and healthy living. Whether you’re a lifelong hockey fan or introducing the game to your kids for the first time, I encourage you to catch a Steelheads game this season. The puck drops for their exhibition schedule on Friday, August 29th, at the CAA Centre – don’t miss it!

Let’s fill the stands, show our Brampton pride, and give the Steelheads the hometown energy they deserve. Go Steelheads!



## MAYOR'S SPORTS FUND

The Mayor's Sports Fund in Brampton, supported by Mayor Patrick Brown's Annual Charity Golf Tournament, focuses on providing affordable hockey equipment to children in need. The fund aims to remove barriers to participation in sports by ensuring that every child has the opportunity to play, regardless of financial constraints.

Mayor Patrick Brown's 2nd Annual Brampton Charity Golf Tournament was a sold-out success, raising over \$300,000 in support of seven worthy local charities that provide vital services to families, women, newcomers, and youth.

Held on July 3, 2025, at Lionhead Golf Club, the event brought together residents, Council members, dignitaries, and sports legends like Darcy Tucker and Ernie Whitt, with Rod Black hosting a memorable day of camaraderie and giving.

Proceeds will help fund a range of community programs, including the Mayor's Sports Fund, which provides affordable hockey equipment to children in need and removes barriers to sports participation. Mayor Brown thanked everyone involved, saying, "Seeing our community unite behind these causes is truly inspiring. Together, we're building a stronger, more inclusive Brampton."



# APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR MAYOR OF BRAMPTON'S SPORTS FUND

Applications now open for Mayor Patrick Brown's Brampton Sports Fund. Please send a request or nominate a Brampton child in need of affordable hockey equipment by emailing **MayorBrown@brampton.ca**. Every child deserves to play – regardless of financial barriers. Generously sponsored by Mayor Brown's Annual Charity Golf Tournament.

Plans are already underway for next year's tournament.  
Learn more at: **[bramptoncharitygolf.ca](http://bramptoncharitygolf.ca)**







## HOCKEY NIGHT IN BRAMPTON IV

Community support continues to play a critical role in advancing health care in Brampton. Last year, Mayor Brown's Hockey Night in Brampton raised a record-breaking \$14 million in support of the new hospital. As the largest community charity hockey game in Canadian history, the event highlights the strength and generosity of the Brampton community and its commitment to building a stronger local health care system. Don't miss this year's game on August 20, 2025.

### SAVE THE DATE!

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