

Great Changes Coming To Brampton Soccer Centre

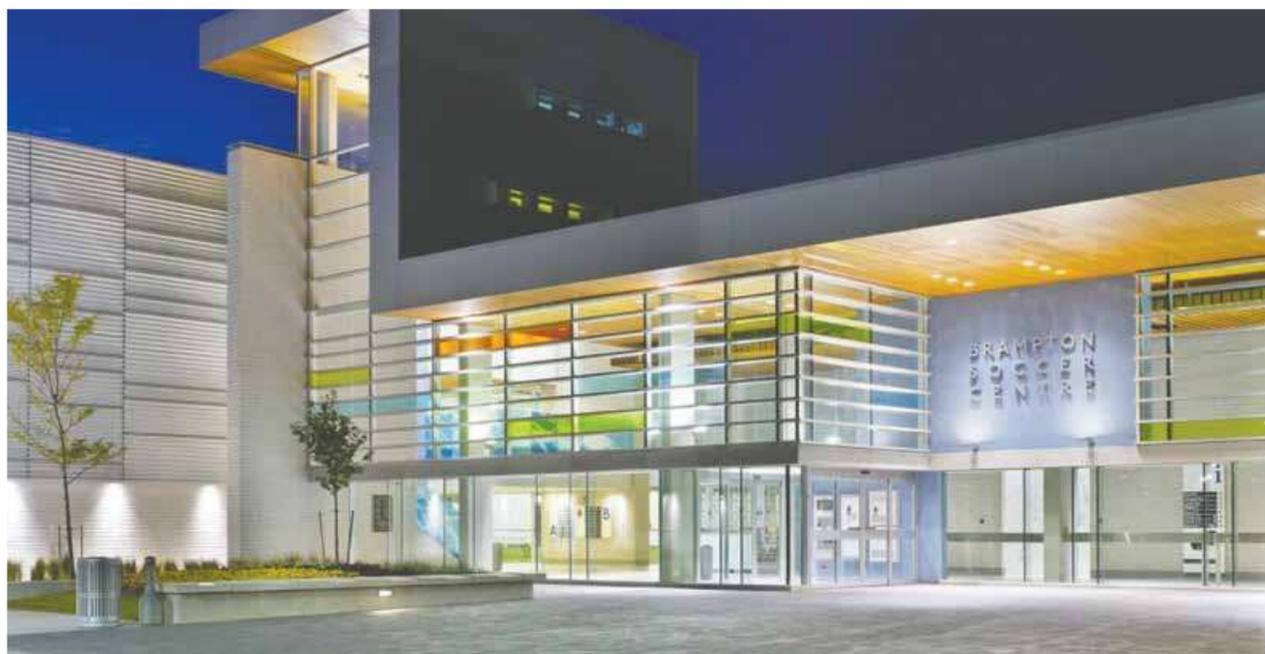
Multi-Sport Facility Will Get A New Dome, Two Turf Fields, New Gym Floor, New Name

BRAMPTON: The Brampton Soccer Centre is being transformed into an indoor/outdoor multi-sport facility. A number of renovations are currently underway, and a new dome and two turf fields are planned to be built next year to extend the use of the outdoor fields. Interested residents are invited to find out more at a public information session being held at the centre on July 9 at 6 to 8 pm.

Indoor renovations

As the popularity of different sports has shifted in recent years, there has been an increased demand for gymnasium space across the city. Fieldhouse D, which is often used as a temporary gymnasium, has recently been converted to a semi-permanent gymnasium through the installation of a new floor.

Mayor Linda Jeffrey said: "Residents and user groups told us during the development of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan that we need to enhance the diversity of sport facilities available across the city. The renovations at the Brampton Soccer Centre will provide more sport options at this location to better



serve the community and support an active, healthy lifestyle."

The new gym floor will improve the quality of the surface, and expand the kinds of sports that can be played at this location, which provides an important additional venue option for tournaments and other events. The new

flooring can still be removed if necessary for a major sporting event.

Outdoor renovations

A new, weather-proof dome will be built over one field to allow for year-round use. The dome will cover the field from November to April each year. A small

outbuilding will be constructed near the dome to provide washroom and changeroom facilities to players. The dome is being installed on the field furthest from residential houses to minimize impacts on neighbouring homes.

In addition, two outdoor fields are being converted to artificial

turf with lights to make the fields suitable for a variety of sports, extend their playing season and reduce rain closures.

When construction is complete, the facility will be renamed the "Brampton Sports Centre" to better reflect the multi-sport uses the centre will offer.

Gala Fun Promised At 'Pride In The Square' On July 8

BRAMPTON: On July 8, celebrate pride in Brampton in Garden Square for the first time!

Pride in the Square will take place from 12 to 5 pm, and feature an exciting lineup of family-friendly stage performances by local and national artists, speakers, face painting, buskers, stilt-walkers, and a Community Fair.

The event will be hosted by Brampton's own Daniel Pillai, a writer, producer and media personality. With his opinionated wit (and trademark blazers), he has taken charge of the media landscape in his own unique way.

Mayor Linda Jeffrey said: "Brampton is welcoming and inclusive to all the unique communities that are part of the rich fabric of our city.

"We are very proud to host the City's first Pride celebration, and we invite our residents and visitors to attend, July 8 in Garden Square"

Enjoy live entertainment all afternoon. Listen to Drag Storytime by Fay & Fluffy, enjoy the



sounds of DIANA, and Canadian Mohawk singer-songwriter Shawnee, watch performances by Ill Nana DiverseCity Dance Company and EJKwandibens, and dance to tunes spun by DJ Regina Gently. Local artists include Sonya Shorter and R. Flex.

The Community Fair will bring together several local groups that serve the LGBTQ2IA+ commu-

nity. This will be an exciting opportunity to learn about the many groups and services for the community.

Don't miss the after party from 5 to 8 pm. DJ Sikh Knowledge will be spinning on The Rose Patio where bar service will be available. All are welcome to celebrate the special day in Garden Square!

Toronto's History As A 'Bike City' Showcased

TORONTO: The City of Toronto's Market Gallery is featuring a new exhibit called "Bike City: How industry, advocacy and infrastructure shaped Toronto's cycling culture" until November 17.

"More than 60 per cent of Toronto households have at least one bicycle, so sharing the road has been part of Toronto life for generations," said Councillor Michael Thompson (Ward 37 Scarborough Centre), Chair of the Economic Development Committee. "This exhibit unwraps Toronto's long cycling history and reveals the bicycle's role in shaping our city."

Showcasing 13 Toronto-made bicycles – from an 1890s Comet High-Wheel to a 2018 Mariposa Road Racing Bike – along with archival photographs, early advertisements and artifacts from private and public collections, Bike City presents the story of the bicycle and its impact on Toronto's past, present and future. Three illustrated timelines outline the history and development

of Toronto's bike industry, its bike infrastructure and the many different ways the bike has been used in the city.

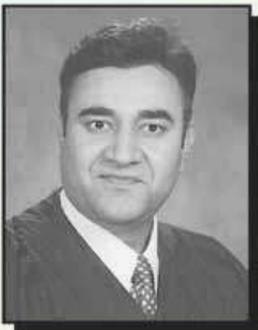
Toronto has been a bike producer in Canada and internationally for many generations. From the widespread influence of CCM bikes to high-end manufacturers like Mariposa and Cervélo, Toronto companies have always created innovative and exceptional bicycles.

More Toronto bike success stories are explored, including the successes of Toronto racer Nora Young (in a short film) and how the City of Toronto's ubiquitous Bicycle Locking Ring and Post was created and used by cities around the world. "The City of Toronto and I would like to extend our thanks to Mike Barry, Brian Reynolds and Lorne Shields for the generous use of their private collections in this exhibit," said Councillor Lucy Troisi (Toronto-Centre Rosedale).

The Market Gallery is located on the second floor of the South St. Lawrence Market.

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