

Whitby Seeks Community Feedback on Design of Future Sports Complex

Residents invited to have their say until April 2

Whitby, March 12, 2021 – Starting today, the Town of Whitby is inviting residents to share their feedback on three proposed design concepts for a new Whitby Sports Complex.

The new complex will be located on the west side of Baldwin Street South, south of the intersection of Highway 407. The vision: to create a multi-purpose gathering space for inclusive sport and community programming - a place for residents of all ages and abilities to connect, play and get active.

Residents can have their say on which of the three proposed design concepts they prefer between now and April 2. Here's how:

- Complete an online survey at connectwhitby.ca/sportscomplex
- Register to attend one of two virtual Community Engagement Sessions being held on:
 - Wednesday, March 24 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.
 - Thursday, March 25 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

The three design concepts will include amenities like:

- A twin-pad arena with 85' by 190' ice pads
- Indoor aquatics centre with an 8 lane, 25 metre pool
- Leisure pool
- Active Living/Wellness Studio/Multi-Purpose Space
- Indoor walking track
- Meeting rooms, arts and cultural space

Feedback will help to inform the final design recommendation to be presented to Council in Spring 2021. If approved, construction on the site could begin as early as Summer 2022.

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“This new sports complex will help ensure we are meeting the recreational needs of our town now and in the future. It's important that we hear from our residents and sports community about what they want to see as part of the complex's design – and this is that opportunity.”

- Mayor Don Mitchell

QUICK FACTS

- Whitby's population is expected to grow by more than 40 per cent over the next 11 years.
- Through the Town's 2020 Community Survey, residents shared that part of what makes Whitby a great place to live are its sports facilities.
- The new amenities that will be included in the complex were based on feedback received from Whitby's sports user groups, as well as the Town's Culture, Parks, Recreation and Open Space Strategic Master Plan, and Sports Facility Strategy.