

Ontario Supporting Royal Canadian Legions in Whitby and Brooklin

WHITBY — The Ontario government is making it easier for Royal Canadian Legion branches in Whitby and Brooklin to continue serving veterans and local communities by providing full liquor sales licence fee rebates to eligible branches applying for or renewing their liquor sales licences. The rebate program took effect on June 1, 2026, and applies retroactively to April 1, 2026.

"Ontario's legions have long been at the heart of communities across our province, serving veterans, supporting local charities and bringing people together," said Attorney General Doug Downey. "That's why our government is providing liquor sales licence fee rebates that will help legion branches dedicate more resources to the people and causes they serve across Ontario."

Whitby Legion Branch 112 and Brooklin Legion Branch 152 play a vital role in supporting our veterans and their families, while also advancing the tradition of remembrance, leading fundraising efforts and hosting community events



Matt Cardwell is with Steve Yamada and 4 others at Town of Whitby

Members of Whitby Council toured the new Fieldgate Sports Complex in north Whitby. Conveniently located directly southwest of where Baldwin Street intersects with HWY 407, it will officially open the morning of September 12th. The FGSC will be an amazing addition to the Town, it will create jobs, bring tourism and give our local athletes a world class facility to train and aspire. The facility includes:

Indoor Amenities:

- 25-metre, 10-lane competition pool, making it the largest swimming pool in the Durham Region.
- Two ice pads equipped for hockey (with sledge hockey boards), and year-round indoor community recreation.
- Double Gymnasium, includes a full-size multi-purpose gym for basketball and upper level three-lane indoor walking track.
- Community Spaces, flexible, multi-purpose program rooms and cultural spaces for local events, meetings, and classes.

Outdoor Amenities:

- Whitby's first multi-purpose artificial turf field, which is fully lit for evening play.
- Dedicated, illuminated courts for tennis, basketball, and pickleball.
- Action Sports Park, equipped with both a custom skateboard park and an asphalt pump track for bikes, boards, and scooters.
- Family Spaces, a fully accessible children's playground, open green spaces, public restrooms, and ample parking.

that bring people together. "The Brooklin and Whitby Legions have a long history of serving veterans and strengthening our community," said Lorne Coe, MPP for Whitby, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security. "Our government is proud to support legions by reducing costs so they can continue investing in the people, programs and services that matter most to veterans and local families."

Across Ontario, 391 Royal Canadian Legion branches currently hold liquor sales licences and are eligible for the rebate program. The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 112 is extending its heartfelt gratitude to the Ontario Government for introducing a full rebate on Liquor Sales Licence fees. This meaningful cost-relief program will eliminate upcoming application and renewal fees for the next five years, serving as a welcome financial boost. For local institutions like Branch 112, every dollar saved on administrative overhead is a dollar that can be immediately reinvested for our Veterans.

- Bobbie Simmons, President, Legion Branch 112
- Ontario's legion branches support veterans, Canadian Armed Forces and RCMP families, charitable activities, Remembrance Day ceremonies, seniors' supports, youth education initiatives and community programs.
- Rebates will reduce costs for nearly 400 eligible legion



branches by almost \$250,000 over five years.

- The rebate for a two-year licence term is \$1,055, while the rebate for a four-year term is \$1,355.
- Ontario branches of the Royal Canadian Legion do not need to submit a rebate application to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario. Eligible fees will be returned automatically within two to four weeks after the licence or renewal is approved.

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Whitby Announces September 12 Grand Opening of the Fieldgate Sports Complex

Facility construction enters final phase as Town prepares to welcome residents this Fall

The Town of Whitby is pleased to announce that the Fieldgate Sports Complex will officially open on Saturday, September 12, 2026, marking the completion of the community's most significant recreation project to date. The Town will celebrate the grand opening with a free community event featuring family activities, community partner displays, and opportunities to experience the complex's indoor and outdoor amenities. Additional event details will be shared in the coming months as final construction and preparations continue ahead of opening.

Built by the community, for the community, the Fieldgate Sports Complex was shaped through years of planning, community engagement, and collaboration to support Whitby's growing population and evolving recreation needs. Once complete, it will serve as a hub for recreation, sport, wellness, and community connection for generations to come.

"The Fieldgate Sports Complex is more than a recreation facility — it's a reflection of our community's vision for the future. Delivering this facility is one of the 62 action items in Whitby's Community Strategic Plan and it's so exciting to see it come to life. Whitby residents and local sports organizations helped shape this project from the very beginning, and on September 12 we will celebrate a place that was truly built by the community, for the community."

— Elizabeth Roy, Mayor, Town of Whitby

"The Grand Opening Celebration is an opportunity to recognize the tremendous effort that brought this project to life. From residents, sports user groups, and project partners to staff and contractors, countless people contributed to bringing this vision to life. We look forward to opening the doors on September 12 and seeing the impact the Fieldgate Sports Complex will have on our community for generations to come."

— Matt Gaskell, Chief Administrative Officer, Town of Whitby

The facility is located west of Baldwin Street South and south of Highway 407. Amenities include a twin-pad arena, aquatics centre, double gymnasium with walking track, community and program spaces, and a range of outdoor amenities including sports fields, pickleball and tennis courts, basketball courts, a skatepark, and pump track.