

Rose Valley Park debuts Canada’s largest BMX track

The City of Oshawa is proud to announce the opening of Rose Valley Community Park. On October 4, community members came together for the Grand Opening Celebration. Over 1,500 park enthusiast enjoyed BMX demonstrations, pickleball workshops, the new extensive playground, face painting, a scavenger hunt and more.

Located at 1095 Thornton Rd. N. (between Rossland and Taunton Roads), this major new addition to Oshawa’s park system is now fully open and ready for the community to enjoy.

Rose Valley Community Park features a wide range of accessible amenities for all ages and interests, including:

- Two playground areas
- Pickleball courts
- Shaded seating areas
- Formal gardens
- Self-cleaning washroom facilities
- Passive walking paths and enhanced green space

Most notably, Rose Valley is now home to one of the largest BMX pump tracks in Canada and Ontario.

The park’s biking infrastructure includes:

- Asphalt pump tracks (3 combined): 290 metres
- Dirt BMX tracks (2 combined): 370 metres
- Mountain bike trails (2 combined): 950 metres

Rose Valley offers multiple track types for BMX, mountain biking, and recreational use, making it a unique destination for cycling enthusiasts of all levels.

Construction of Rose Valley Community Park began in October 2023 and was completed in Fall 2025. The development project incorporated community engagement feedback.

Rose Valley Community Park is now a premier destination for outdoor recreation in Durham Region, combining active spaces with areas for relaxation, play, and connection.

BIG MISTAKE FOR AJAX?

Ajax hopes to be EV hub with Canada’s largest Tesla station

As Canada’s largest Tesla Supercharger station nears completion, Ajax hopes it may make the town an electric vehicle (EV) travel hub.

“Not only does this significant addition advance Ajax’s climate action goals and commitment to sustainability, but it will also encourage more EV drivers to visit – and hopefully stay, eat and shop – making Ajax a key destination on road trips,” said a town statement.

Unfortunately, the U.S. is pulling away from EV vehicles due to the battery life of most cars and the general cost. Not to mention the push for fossil fuel cars in order to promote car manufacturing back in the U.S.

The new Tesla Supercharger station with 44-stall EV chargers is coming up at the RioCan Durham Centre, just north of Highway 401. Currently, the largest such station is in British Columbia (Richmond), with 40 stalls. The largest in Ontario is a 32-stall station in Mississauga.

Ground was broken on the facility in May.

“As a town, we are excited about the level of investment being made into our community,” said the Ajax statement.

Another key milestone this year is the expansion at 777 Bayly Street West, home to Volkswagen’s Canadian Headquarters, it pointed out.

A 10,000+ square metre addition has been approved, along with new access points, loading zones, and parking.

“We’re proud that Ajax continues to be a destination of choice for global automotive leaders. Supporting companies like Volkswagen and Tesla not only strengthens our local economy but also reinforces our role in advancing innovation, sustainability, and mobility across Canada,” said the town.

“These investments reflect the confidence that international brands have in Ajax’s infrastructure, workforce, and business climate, and we’re grateful for the opportunity to collaborate with them as they grow and evolve,” it added.

\$170,000 budget to start early works for animal shelter



The townships of Uxbridge and Scugog have approved a \$170,000 preliminary budget allowance to support the early phase of the new Animal Shelter, as it moves into its next phase.

The 6,447 square feet new Animal Shelter is planned for 5500 Lakeridge Road to provide upgraded shelter and veterinary care for displaced and abandoned animals, support adoption services, and serve as a community resource.

Both councils have approved a report that outlines the construction strategy and authorizes the start of critical early-site work, said a joint statement.

It said with the building permit secured, the townships are moving forward with essential preliminary site works. This includes site access (drive-way cut-in), excavation, well and foundation installation and hydro utility coordination.

The project will proceed using a trade-by-trade procurement model, rather than engaging a single general contractor. This

approach is expected to improve cost transparency, optimize scheduling, and create opportunities for potential savings.

Early Works to End Before Winter

These works will ready the site for above-grade construction before winter and include installation of footings and frost walls, subgrade preparation, in-floor plumbing readiness, and setup of a temporary construction trailer. Hydro rough-in is also included at this stage.

The project will now transition into preliminary site work, followed by completion of trade pricing, final budget approval, and then full construction commencement. Substantial completion will follow in line with project timelines as outlined in the full report.

The townships remain committed to building a modern, efficient animal shelter that meets the needs of both communities, staff and animals. Additional updates will be provided as work progresses on site.



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