



The FireWolves have officially arrived at their new home in Oshawa, just in time for the upcoming National Lacrosse League (NLL) franchise coming to Oshawa for the 2025-26 season.

"Lacrosse has a rich history in the Great Lakes region, originating with the indigenous nations, celebrated by passionate communities and storied franchises like the Whitby Warriors, Brooklin Lacrosse Club, Peterborough Lakers and the Green Gaels Lacrosse Club (formerly the Oshawa Green Gaels)," said Oliver Marti, Owner and CEO of the Oshawa FireWolves, at the announcement in Oshawa. "In naming our team the Oshawa FireWolves, we honor this heritage and embrace the identity of the indigenous meanings of 'Fire' and 'Wolf,' reflecting courage, strength, community, and leadership."

The team's new home at the Tribute Communities Centre, where it will join the Oshawa Generals in playing its home games.

Originally this National Lacrosse League's Albany FireWolves to relocated to Oshawa this season.

FireWolves owner and CEO Oliver Marti stated: Created by First Nations Peoples, the sport is centuries old and is "played to honour the creator, settle differences and bring communities together," he said.

Before Marti's ownership group purchased the team and relocated it to Albany, N.Y., it played out of the Mohegan Sun Arena in Connecticut, which is owned by the Mohegan Tribe.

The team's name embraces "the powerful symbolism of fire and the wolf in Indigenous culture, representing our identity and strength, courage, community and leadership," Marti explained.

"Welcoming the FireWolves and the National Lacrosse League to our venue is a significant milestone for Oshawa and our community," said Andrew Nash, General Manager of the Tribute Communities Centre. "Adding at least nine home games to our calendar means more nights filled with incredible sports action, more business for restaurants and shops across the downtown core, and a real economic lift to the region. Through the televised games, we'll be showcasing our city, our fans, and our partners to a national audience. We look forward to building a lasting relationship with the team and the league."

Glenn Clark, the FireWolves head coach, NLL commissioner Brett Froot, Tribute Communities Centre general manager Andrew Nash and Oshawa Mayor Dan Carter also spoke during the conference.

Clark, who grew up in Pickering, pointed out that the FireWolves' leadership is "embedded" with people who have played and found success at the highest levels of lacrosse.

Marti was a two-time all-American athlete at Brown University, and played lacrosse for Canada's national team at the World Lacrosse Championships in 1994.

Clark has played and coached for the Toronto Rock and helped lead the Canadian men's team to gold medals at the World Box Lacrosse Championships the last four seasons in a row as a coach, and as a player in 2003.

He said the FireWolves' staff and leadership's recognition of the importance of youth lacrosse translates into "a real investment in the community," and added engagement and access to lacrosse and the team's players will be "second to none."

The Oshawa FireWolves are the youngest team in the NLL and boast the last two Rookie of the Year winners in Alex Simmons (2024) and Dyson

Williams (2025). They are led by general manager and head coach, Glenn Clark who is a five-time NLL champion as a player and was named both the NLL General Manager of the Year and NLL Coach of the Year in 2024. The FireWolves have reached the NLL playoffs in two of their last four seasons including an appearance in the 2024 NLL Finals.

The City of Oshawa announced a \$50-million investment to upgrade the Tribute Communities Centre, including the addition of nearly 1,000 more seats, in April.

Starting play in Oshawa in November, the FireWolves will become the NLL's seventh Canadian franchise, joining the Calgary Roughnecks, Halifax Thunderbirds, Ottawa Black Bears, Saskatchewan Rush, Toronto Rock, and Vancouver Warriors.

The FireWolves of the National Lacrosse League (NLL) announced they will play their home opener at the Tribute Communities Centre against the Toronto Rock on Friday, November 28 at 7:30 pm ET.

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