

Expanded Caledon East Community Complex to open on September 5]

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Renovations to the Caledon East Community Complex are nearing completion.

On April 12, the Town of Caledon announced that the Caledon East Community Complex (CECC) will fully reopen to residents on September 5. There will be an official grand opening for the CECC on September 16.

In a media release, Caledon Mayor Annette Groves said the upcoming opening will be very exciting for Caledon residents.

"The new and modern facility will offer an additional 52,000 square feet for programs and features residents have been asking for," said Groves.

The new and improved CECC will include a swimming pool; fitness centre and studio; library with maker space; indoor walking track overlooking a full-size gymnasium; an outdoor rink and pavilion; multi-purpose and meeting spaces; and a dedicated section for an enhanced Sports Hall of Fame.

Catherine McLean, Caledon's Director of Community Services, said staff are working hard to complete the final stages of construction and prepare for the CECC's opening.

"In addition to finishing the building, staff are preparing programming, schedules, facilities and equipment, as well as onboarding the various staff required to support operations when we open in September," said McLean in the statement.

This year at Caledon Day on June 17 there will be a dedicated booth with information on jobs, programs, and what to expect at the new CECC.

The Town first broke ground on the CECC expansion project on September 7, 2021. On that day, then-Mayor Allan Thompson was joined by Council and Town Staff for a ground-breaking ceremony. At the time, the project was estimated to cost the Town \$31 million.

The CECC was originally built in 1978 and consisted of a single story with a basement. The first expansion of it began in 2007 and continued in 2010, when two arena structures were added on the east side of the original building.

The latest expansion has come in ahead of schedule, as it was originally expected to be completed in the winter of 2023.

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