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In late 2020, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) shared with the community that the City of Brampton approached DPCDSB with a proposal to redevelop the Howden Recreation Centre which is located adjacent to Lester B. Pearson Catholic Elementary School. The City of Brampton indicated this proposal would involve an exchange of land between both parties.

DPCDSB Planning staff and City of Brampton staff attended a Catholic School Council meeting to share the proposal of the land exchange for the purpose of reconstructing a new recreation centre for the community with frontage on Howden Boulevard.

Over the last 18-months, DPCDSB and Brampton staff have been working through a variety of checklist items, including some challenges, associated with the land exchange. These items include but are not limited to the preparation of legal agreements, changes to land designation and rezoning of the property, the demolition of the existing Howden Recreation Centre, and the construction of a new, irrigated play field which will be exchanged for the existing soccer pitch located to the west of the main school parking lot.

With most of the checklist items complete, DPCDSB and the City of Brampton are very close to finalizing the exchange. One of the outstanding items, however, is the installation of the perimeter fence around the new school boundary and play yard. It is anticipated that the staking of the property boundary will take place shortly, following which will be the installation of the new fence. At that time, the new play area for students will be established, including the new play field, and the land exchange can be finalized.

As always, student safety is of the utmost importance. The City of Brampton will also ensure that the safety of the students will be maintained during the construction period of the recreation centre, as they are aware that safety concerns are paramount to the school community and DPCDSB.

Information on the reconstruction of the Howden Recreation Centre can be found on the City of Brampton website: <https://www.brampton.ca/EN/residents/Recreation/Pages/Recreation-Revitalized-Howden.aspx>

Please note that this and future Community Information Bulletins regarding this matter can be found on the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board's website, dpcdsb.org, in the [About Us](#) section under [Planning and Operations](#).