

Recreation Centre

Information Session Feedback Summary January 16, 2007

Attendance: 140

Number of Respondents: 27 + 3 via e-mail

Aquatics

- Overall, the design was perceived to be very good to excellent and flexible.
- Disabled accessibility requests: ramp access to all pools, separate change cubicles wide enough to accommodate wheelchairs, wide locker room benches, commodes available in showers and change rooms.
- Several requests for a larger viewing/spectator seating area for the 53 metre pool that is off the deck and accessible without having to walk through the change rooms.
- Concern expressed about the perceived long walk from the ladies change room to the pool deck. Recommend changing design to provide central access in the middle as opposed to a single access point at the end to minimize congestion.

Flexi Hall

- Overall, the design was perceived as: an excellent multi-purpose use space, very good, nicely situated.
- Request for a second flexi hall designated specifically for soccer.
- Recommendation that a wood floor in the flexi hall be installed to minimize injuries and improve wheelchair accessibility.
- Disabled accessibility recommendations: ramped entrances, automatic doors, wide door openings.
- Request for designated locker room space for flexi hall users to accommodate the anticipated increase in outdoor and indoor users between May and November.

Indoor Track and Fitness Centre

- Concerns expressed about the tight turning radius of the track.
- Many concerns expressed about people entering the middle of the fitness area in street clothes/outdoor shoes and then having to walk through the area and across the running track in sock feet to access the club change rooms.
- Concern expressed that the current orientation of the track may create programming challenges and blind spots. Recommend that the track run off to the side of the fitness area and overlook the entire far perimeter of the flexi hall. Also recommend moving the washrooms closer to the fitness area and track for seniors and parents with small children.

Child Minding and Indoor Playground

- Overall, the design was viewed very positively.
- Several people asked why the daycare had been removed from the plan.

Multi Purpose and Meeting Rooms

- Recommend that the multi purpose rooms have movable walls/dividers that will allow them to be expanded for larger groups and maximize rental opportunities.

Lease Space

- Recommend adding more food venues to deal with high demand from high school students.
- Recommend adding more opportunities for lease space to achieve a balance of medical, health, dietary, swimwear and equipment to complement the facility.

Administration Support

- Recommend installing a large electronic appointment board at the front of the building to provide room booking updates, upcoming community events, facility programs, etc.
- Recommend installing a large electronic board in the fitness centre area that tracks facility capacity, specifically in the fitness centre and child minding areas.
- Recommend increasing the size of the TRAC/community league office.

Arena Complex

- Recommend extending the running track around the perimeter of the arena.
- Recommend leisure ice be added to the P3.

The Social Heart

- Overall the design was viewed as excellent; several people like the theme of the area and felt that it allows for a variety of ages and interaction.
- Recommend installing a Wall of Fame, showcasing Edmonton's Amateur Athletes.
- Recommend choosing interior design and landscaping themes that are innovative, unique and provide the look of a resort.

Parking/Other

- Recommend covered parking stalls for people with disabilities/impaired mobility; if not covered, then as close as possible to the building is preferred.
- Recommend installing bike lockers at both entrances of the building.
- Recommend building a two storey parking facility at a later date to accommodate the usage of multiple facilities on the Leger Site.
- Recommend ensuring that there is appropriate access to and from the facility via the city trail systems.
- Positive comments received on the LEEDS certification. Recommend using solar gathering and wind turbines for energy generation.

The proceeding report findings provide a summary of the opinions expressed by participants of the consultation session held January 17th. Consultation sessions such as these provide rich and valuable insight that cannot be captured by the more rigid requirements of a quantitative survey. Because of the limited number of respondents, the findings are qualitative in nature and should not be generalized or quantified.