

Recreation Centre

Facility Program Planning and Evolution

- January 2005 Completed the Community Needs Assessment
- June 2005 SHB Architects was retained as prime Architect
- October 2005 Initial concept design provided
- December 2005 Edmonton City Council provided initial capital, \$42 million
- February 2006 Community Open House displayed concept design
- May 2006 Community Information Sessions gathered info re: four different concepts, with a price ranging from \$42 million to \$90.2 million
- June 2006 Edmonton City Council approved final facility program, provided additional funding, approved direction to pursue an arena p3 arrangement, approved the integrated model with the high schools on site (contingent on provincial funding support), and directed the administration to review operational model for non arena portion

January 2005 Community Needs Assessment – Banister Research Inc.

High Priority Needs	Moderate Priority Needs	Low Priority Needs
On site free parking	Outdoor track	Outdoor football field
Fitness centre	50m Swimming pool	Arts/cultural multi-purpose studio
Edmonton transit service pick-up/drop-off	Indoor recreational skating area	Outdoor skateboard park
Swimming pool (leisure)	Multi-purpose space outside a gymnasium	Steam room
Gymnasium	Indoor playground	Theatre/Amphitheatre/Auditorium
Swimming pool (teach pool)	Meeting rooms	Nutritional retail & service space
Outdoor walking/multi-purpose trails	Healthcare space	Diving tank
Fitness/aerobics studio	General rental rooms/space for group or community functions	Outdoor beach volleyball
On site childcare facilities	Indoor tennis/basketball courts	Indoor climbing wall
Indoor track	Meeting space	Wave pool
Arena (ice pads)	Indoor soccer pitches	Dance studio
Outdoor soccer pitches	Hot tub (therapeutic pool)	Spa service
Outdoor playground	Outdoor ball diamonds	Banquet facilities
General eating area	Outdoor basketball court	Music room
Food café with food vendors	Outdoor skating area/rink	Outdoor climbing wall
General lobby or seating area	Outdoor tennis court	Indoor skateboarding space

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	Massage & physiotherapy services	Library
	Outdoor sliding hill	Outdoor lawn bowling field
	Racquetball/squash courts	Outdoor extreme sports facility
	Outdoor spray park/water park	
	Social service space	

February 2006 Open House

What You Told Us

A total of 513 residents, special interest group representatives, and other organizations attended the open houses.

Leger Site Plan (27% of comments)

- 25% expressed positive support for the design
- 25% expressed positive support for integration of the facilities and walkways
- 50% expressed concern for adequate car, pedestrian, and bike access and parking

Facility Design (25% of comments)

- 70% expressed positive support for the design, 30% had comments related to the entrance, exterior, and mechanical systems
- 14% spoke of the need for integration of health related services
- all respondents expressed the need for the expanded concept to address growth of the community

Aquatic Centre (23% of comments)

- 44% of respondents supported the design and made specific comments related to operational considerations, such as lifeguard sight lines
- 26% indicated the need for a competitive program for divers and swimmers
- 17% supported the need for a 50 metre pool

FlexiHall (10% of comments)

- most comments related to a desire to have an indoor soccer pitch

Fitness Centre (6% of all comments)

- most frequently expressed comments related to the layout of the running track, change room, and fitness rooms

Ice Activities (6% of comments)

- comments related to the specific details regarding the function of the arenas

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Child/Youth Services (3% of comments)

- comments related to how services would be accessed

What Was Done

- Provide drawings that illustrate the facility functionality, such as access point's washrooms, etc
- Review the Leger Site to assess the physical ability to accommodate expanded elements, traffic impacts, etc.
- Initiate a program assessment to understand the capacity and viability of dedicated indoor soccer pitches
- Review the design of the fitness centre with fitness professionals
- Consider design elements in the Arena P3 documentation
- Initiate a program assessment to understand the most suitable size and depth of lane pool, utilization rates, and operating impacts of a 50 metre pool

April 2006 Information Session

As a result of the research noted from the February Open House research a series of four evolutionary concepts designs were presented to the community for reaction in April 2006. Of the four concepts presented to the community, the first was a baseline concept that demonstrated what was achievable for the \$42 million that is currently committed to the project. The balance of the concepts illustrated the extra costs and potential funding strategies to include additional elements identified as desirable by the community.

What You Told Us

The May 18, 2006, Community Information Session feedback indicated that the majority of support from participants (75%) was for "Concept D", this concept illustrated the fitness centre, aquatic centre with a 50 metre pool, flexihall, and an arena four plex (funded through a public/private arrangement). The written comments reflect the notion of "pent up" demand for all types of recreational facilities and focused on building to meet future growth.

What Was Done

The results of the community feedback was considered, this resulted in City Council approving the final facility program, the additional funding required for the recreational complex, that administration pursue a P3 partnership for the arena complex, and that the integration of the High Schools with the recreation centre be approved (pending provincial funding).