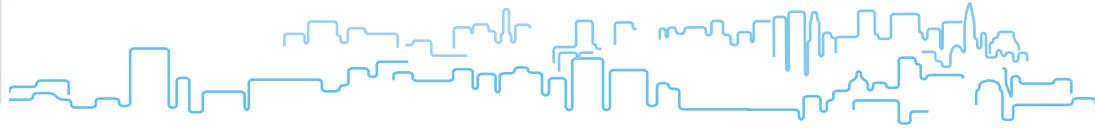




LA SALLE COMMUNITY CENTRE NEW FACILITY UPDATE



- The RM of Macdonald on behalf of the La Salle Community Centre applied for a 1 million dollar grant for replacing the existing community centre.
- The grant application was made to the Recreation Infrastructure Canada (RIcC) program which is part of Canada's Economic Action Plan administered through Western Economic Diversification Canada.
- Our 1 million dollar grant application is now being considered by the Federal Government. Once we meet all eligibility requirements our grant application will be taken to the next step if funds are available.
- The primary eligibility requirements are that the local two thirds of funding are in place and that the project can be completed by March of 2011.
- An Architectural firm has been retained by the La Salle Community Centre to complete conceptual site and building plans and a project feasibility study which will be presented to the community at a public information forum held January 17th and 18th.

PROPOSED NEW FACILITY DESCRIPTION

Indoor multi-use facility will replace the existing community center:

- Large multi-purpose area will be used as a hall for community functions such as meetings, conferences, tradeshow, concerts, socials, weddings, banquets and gymnasium for court sports such as basketball, volleyball, badminton, etc. A sliding divider wall will allow multiple uses at the same time.
- Exercise room for both cardio and weight training.
- Secondary activity room for many activities such as yoga, pilates, aerobics, dance, karate, activities for children & seniors, meetings, training, etc.
- Change rooms, washrooms and showers for both indoor and outdoor activities.
- New facility will be designed for future expansion with possible daycare, curling and indoor ice rink facilities.
- Exterior improvements:
 - Replacement outdoor ice rink for hockey and ringette.
 - Provisions for summer tennis and basketball within outdoor ice rink.
 - New fastball diamond and reconfiguration of the football and soccer fields.



HISTORY OF NEW FACILITY PLANNING

As many of you know, there have been many people, who have given a lot of their spare time over the past 5 plus years to improve the community centre in La Salle. Some of the initiatives to date have been:

- The Community of La Salle Recreation Facility Study, completed in 2006 by the University of Manitoba.
- Business Plan was completed for New Facility (Business plan to be revised to match current facility).
- Application to the Build Canada Fund Infrastructure Grant; application was unsuccessful.
- Detailed cost estimate completed for new facility.
- Application to Recreation Infrastructure Canada (RIcC) Program; application now being considered.
- Conceptual site & building plans and project feasibility study; in progress.



WHY DO WE NEED A NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE?

- Our current facility usage is being maximized, but still falls short of our needs as a community.
- Our current facility is in the later stages of its life and there are major portions that are no longer repairable.
- The new facility will act as the corner stone of our community providing future growth and sustainability.
- Given the growing population of La Salle, & the dramatic rise in fuel prices, people need access to activities & programs in our community. This will lead to a healthier town, more activities to keep our youth engaged, and a venue for seniors events.
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PROJECT FUNDING SUMMARY

Project Cost (RInC Application)	\$3,200,000
Project Contingency	\$300,000
Total Project Cost	\$3,500,000
Local Fundraising Prior to 2009	-\$70,000
RM of Macdonald Public Reserve	-\$255,000
Tax Debenture	\$3,175,000
RInC Grant *	-\$1,000,000
Adjusted Tax Debenture	\$2,175,000

Notes:

- Additional fundraising can be used to fund other project costs such as a commercial kitchen, equipment, furniture, and other site improvements.
- * RInC grant may only become available once all municipal funding is in place if application is successful.
- For a home with a 2010 full value assessment of \$250,000 the annual estimated cost would be approximately \$217.60

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

We are holding a public information hearing to inform the community of the details of the project. Please come out if you would like more information or have any questions. The public information hearing will take place on January 17th at 3:00 pm and January 18th at 7:00 pm at the current Community Centre. Please come out and show your support.

Please watch for more details to come over the next few weeks

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