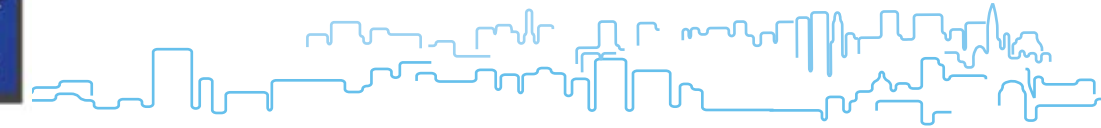


# LA SALLE COMMUNITY CENTRE NEW FACILITY UPDATE



We are coordinating this public information session meeting to present all of our information proposed for the New Community Centre.

We are asking that everyone come out and unite with us, ask questions, and understand why this is a great opportunity for all members of our community. Remember we are conducting two sessions. **Sunday January 17th at 3pm**, doors open at 2:45, and **Monday January 18th at 7pm**, doors open at 6:45. Both meetings will be held at the LaSalle Community Centre.

This is our chance to take advantage of Federal Infrastructure grant money for our community. The presentation will be no more than 30 minutes with time for questions.

Any questions prior to the meeting can also be directed to:

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## Public Information Session

Open Invitation to all residents of the La Salle Recreation District.

We are holding a public information session to present detailed information on the proposed new community center.

**Sunday January 17th at 3pm, doors open at 2:45,**

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**Monday January 18th at 7pm, doors open at 6:45.**

**Both meetings will be held at the LaSalle Community Centre**

Information will be provided regarding the [Recreational Infrastructure Canada \(RInC\) Program](#), the much needed [New Recreation Complex](#) and possible funding options.

**Don't miss it.**



# LA SALLE COMMUNITY CENTRE NEW FACILITY FAQ

## **Q: Why not build a larger complex?**

A: The RInC grant has a funding limit of million dollars. This funding is contingent on, at a minimum, two-thirds of the total funding being provided at the Municipal level. Therefore, the size and type of building has been selected to meet the immediate needs of our community as a whole.

The current grant application would not support a facility that would include a curling and skating component as the cost of a facility that incorporates these components would cost in excess of \$15 million dollars.

It is important to note, that the current complex is being designed for future phases that will be developed as funding becomes available through means of additional grants or alternative financing.

## **Q: Will the RInC grant be awarded?**

A: There are no guarantees at this point. A commitment of two-thirds of the total project funding from the Municipal level is the final criteria that we are required to meet for our application. Ensuring that the Municipal funding is in place can only be done in an expedient manner if there are no objections to the tax debenture. If there are objections to the tax debenture, it will delay the our commitment of the Municipal portion of the funding and ultimately eliminate our application from the Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RInC) Program grant.

## **Q. Will new homes constructed in the future be subjected to the debenture as well?**

A: Yes. New homes will be subjected to the debenture and the annual tax assessments will be adjusted to include new homes. What this means is that as more new homes are built each year, current property owners will see the amount of their contribution towards repaying the debenture decline.

## **Q. When will we be able to see the conceptual plans for this facility?**

A: Conceptual plans are currently being prepared and will be shown at the upcoming information sessions being held January 17th at 3:00 pm and January 18th at 7:00 pm at the current LaSalle Community Centre.

## **Q: I do not have children or grandchildren in La Salle. How will this facility benefit and/or improve my lifestyle in the community?**

A: A multi-purpose recreation and fitness centre will benefit residents of all ages. This multi-purpose complex will allow for a number of recreational programming opportunities for young children through to seniors within our community. Our current facility is small and only has the availability to offer one program at a time, which results in this multi-age programming not being available in our community.

## **Q: Will the new facility operate without a deficit?**

A: The current facility operates without a deficit. The new facility will be a more energy efficient building which will lead to lower operating costs. In addition, the multi-use nature of the facility will provide increased revenue from enhanced programming opportunities that can take place at the same time. Further details will be provided in the upcoming feasibility report that is currently being prepared.

## **Q: Where is the money that has previously been fundraised over the past number of years?**

A: This money is in the bank and amounts to approximately \$70,000. This money is allocated to the new facility.

## **Q: Why does the current facility need to be replaced?**

- 1) The current facility has structural issues and in the past has had issues with mold within the building.
- 2) The facility is also very inefficient to heat and is nearing the end of its useful life.
- 3) The existing facility is also too small for the current needs of the community and is only a single activity venue.
- 4) A study completed by the University of Manitoba indicated the average La Salle family spends between \$400-600 on transportation each year driving to other communities or Winnipeg for sports and leisure activities since we cannot provide these activities and programs in our building.

## **Q: Is the gymnasium at the school available for recreation activities?**

A: The school gymnasium is often committed to school activities and is unavailable for community events.

## **Q: Does the RM of MacDonald support this project?**

A: Yes. The Rural Municipality has submitted the RInC application for this project on behalf of the community of La Salle. The municipality has also allocated money for the conceptual design and feasibility study that is currently being undertaken.

## **Q: Why is there not a daycare in the current plans?**

A: This component is not applicable to the Recreational Infrastructure (RInC) Program funding criteria. However, the conceptual design of the New Recreation Complex supports the addition of a daycare facility once additional grants or alternative funding becomes available.