

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive this information.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a brief update on two capital projects: North Surrey Recreation Centre Improvements and Surrey Sport and Leisure Complex, second floor improvements.

DISCUSSION

North Surrey Recreation Centre Improvements

For the past few months, staff have been working with architectural consultants to develop the project concept.

It is proposed to renovate and expand the existing lobby at the North Surrey Recreation Centre located between Arena No. 2 and the swimming pool. These improvements will see relocation of the cardio and weight room. Those activities which generate positive traffic and use, will be relocated at the front of the facility into a modest expansion connected to the lobby area. This new space will be glazed and split on two levels, quite similar to the Guildford Recreation Centre weight and cardio room. It will create a welcoming feeling to the facility and should stimulate participation. In addition to the new cardio and weight room space, a new front desk will be added to the lobby along with a multi purpose room that can also serve as a pre school program room. Openings will also be created into the swimming pool and Arena No. 2 to give the facility more transparency from the lobby area.

Surrey Sport and Leisure Complex Second Floor Improvements

It is proposed to create much needed community amenities at the second floor of the Sport and Leisure Complex, on the arena side. Those improvements will include the creation of a large multi purpose room which can be divided into two medium sized rooms according to the type of events that will be held. Another room will also be created which will allow for pre school programs to be run during the day while allowing for adult and youth programs to be scheduled

Those new rooms will be equipped with audio visual equipment and internet access, allowing the use for training or conferences.

It should also be noted that these multi purpose rooms will likely be used as the temporary Council Chamber while the renovation of the current Chamber takes place. We will be refining that aspect in the weeks to come and review this with the City Clerk and Council.

CONCLUSION

Staff have been working closely with the consulting architects in developing improvements for both the North Surrey Recreation Centre and the second floor of the Surrey Sport and Leisure Complex. A public open house for the North Surrey Recreation Centre is scheduled for Thursday, March 26 to seek input from the public with construction slated to start mid summer of 2004. Construction for the second floor of the Surrey Sport and Leisure Complex is scheduled to take place this summer with the opening in September, 2004.

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Attach.



North Surrey Recreation Centre, view of the new entrance looking north with cardio and weight room.



North Surrey Recreation Centre, view of the new entrance looking west with cardio and weight room.



Surrey Sport and Leisure Complex, Plan view of the second floor.