

Harry Jerome Community Recreation Centre

Community & Stakeholder Engagement | Phase 2 Results

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INTRODUCTION

This report presents a summary of the feedback received from the phase 2 community and stakeholder engagement Information Session for the new Harry Jerome Community Recreation Centre. A total of 50 attendants signed-in with their names, postal codes, and email addresses, at the Information Session on May 23, 2018 at Harry Jerome Community Recreation Centre (HJCRC). Many more attendants were observed at the Information Session.

The purpose of this Information Session was to share with the community what we heard from the Ideas Fair and survey in February-March 2018 and how it influenced the emerging concept design, and to hear the community's thoughts about what role this exciting new facility could play in our community.

The Information Session provided informative graphic boards showing the community what the planning team heard in phase 1 of community and stakeholder engagement, the emerging concept design, as well as how the community's feedback in the phase 1 survey, which sought the community's activity and program priorities for the new HJCRC, was incorporated in the emerging concept design.

GENERAL FINDINGS

Attendants expressed general support and enthusiasm for the emerging concept design for the new HJCRC. A number of attendants noted their appreciation for the Information Session and were looking forward to using the new centre. Attendants noted continuity from the Vision and Principles presented at the Ideas Fair in phase 1, as well as the emerging concept design's response to the results of the phase 1 survey.

The planning team noted a strong representation from both the aquatic and curling communities at the Information Session. Many attendants representing the aquatic community expressed support for the 50m pool, with some community members expressing concern over the resources required to provide and operate a 50m pool within the City of North Vancouver. Representatives of the curling community strongly expressed support for the inclusion of a curling facility within HJCRC, many of whom noted they are traveling off the North Shore to participate in curling following the closure of the curling facility at the North Shore Winter Club.

Some attendants discussed the overall scale of both the new HJCRC and the residential development to be placed on the existing HJCRC site; however, there was acknowledgement by many that the area was "tired" and due for a renewal. Some attendants expressed concerns about increased traffic and parking needs as the area becomes denser.

Some attendants expressed the desire for outdoor tennis courts. Other comments heard included the need to have casual, unprogrammed space for spontaneous outdoor activities as neighbours noted the ongoing use of the current Norseman field by locals.

Information was also available about North Vancouver Lawn Bowling and Flicka Gymnastics as part of simultaneous projects, which some attendants were keen to find out more information about.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

Number of Comment Cards

43 attendants completed a comment card. Many comment cards contained multiple comments; a high-level summary of themes in comments is below:

<u>Theme</u>	<u># of comments</u>
Support for curling facility	27
Support for emerging concept design	5
Concern for scale of 50m pool	5
Concern for traffic	5
Concern for density / size	5
Support for 50m pool	4
Support for tennis	2
Other suggestions (miscellaneous themes)	9

CONCLUSION

The Information Session attendants generally expressed support for the emerging concept design and enthusiasm for the the new Harry Jerome Community Recreation Centre. Attendants were keen to learn more about the new centre and were appreciative of the Information Session to update the community on how their feedback from phase 1 of community and stakeholder engagement, which sought the community's activity and program priorities for the new HJCRC, was incorporated in the emerging concept design.