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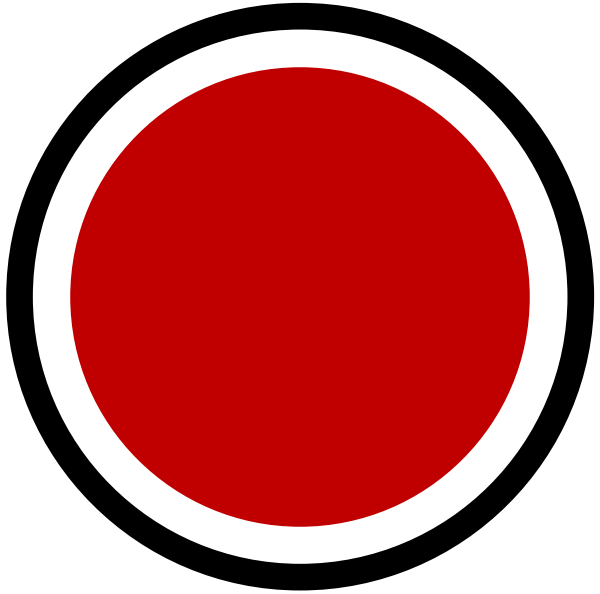
VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING

PARKSVILLE POOL & MULTIPLEX

SEPTEMBER 29, 2021



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MEETING AGENDA

We want to hear from you!

- Introduction to HDR team
- Brief introduction to the project
  - Project history
  - Feasibility Study and prior consultation
- Our consultation program
- Engagement opportunities and Q&A
  - Pop-up polls throughout the meeting
  - Type in questions/comments through Q&A
  - 1-2 minutes to speak if you wish to give a verbal comment

HDR Team

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Public Consultation Lead

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Intern Architect, Work Shop Facilitator

Kristal Stevenot

Architect, Project Manager

How this project started…

2019 – Mayor's Roundtable event discussions and report

2020 – HDR hired to provide a Feasibility Study which was two phased

1. Needs Assessment Report

2. Concept Design on a test site.

2021 – CoP engaged Civil Engineers WSP to review viability of the test site.

2021 – HDR engaged for Public Consultation Study to meet with the community and get feedback

Parksville Pool and Multiplex Feasibility Study

Phase 1 – Needs Assessment

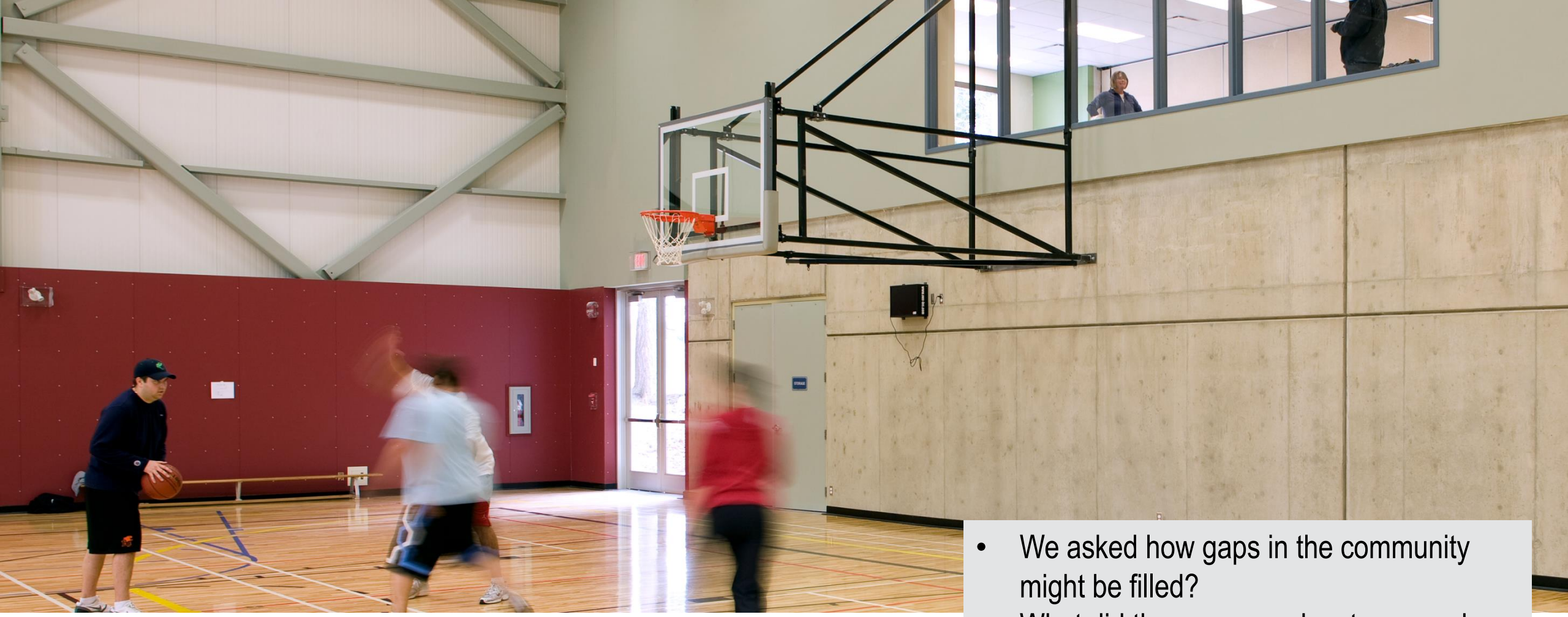
- We held 9 workshop sessions, over 2 days with:
  - Council Members
  - Senior City Staff
  - 19 Various Community Stakeholders groups

STAKEHOLDER GROUP 1

- Ravensong Waterdancers
- Parksville Qualicum Beach Tourism Assoc.
- School District 69
- Regional District of Nanaimo
- Parksville + District Chamber of Commerce
- Parksville Newcomers Club
- Qualicum Beach Triathlon
- Parksville Beach Festival Society
- Ravensong Aquatic Club
- Universal Access Qualicum Beach / Access Oceanside Assoc.

STAKEHOLDER GROUP 2

- Oceanside Soccer
- Oceanside Track + Field Club
- Parksville Indoor Slow Pitch League
- ORCA / Mid Island Distance Running Club
- Oceanside Minor Lacrosse
- Oceanside Pickleball
- Parksville Golden Oldies Sports Assoc.
- Bayside Racquets Club
- Curling Club



Senior Staff Engagement Sessions

- We asked how gaps in the community might be filled?
- What did they see as advantages and disadvantages?
- What were their concerns?
- What is unique about Parksville?
- How can we add some big ideas and blue sky visions to this project?

Recreation Needs Session

WHAT DROVE THE PRELIMINARY PROGRAM?

KEY INSIGHTS

- Child and youth-friendly activities and programming with a family-friendly atmosphere.
- Separate areas of pool amenities, spray components, with a less programmed leisure pool, and must complement neighboring pools by being something different.
- Drop-in focus, pick-up games, unprogrammed space would be an asset
- Larger gym for higher level of practice and training, therefore also providing a flexible space.
- Balance of form, function and character of facility matter.
- Indoor track would appeal to the masses.
- Meeting rooms with servery and storage to cater to local clubs and community groups would be beneficial.
- Provide opportunities for new activities by offering purpose-based rooms, i.e. cooking classes, pottery and photography.

Council Engagement Sessions

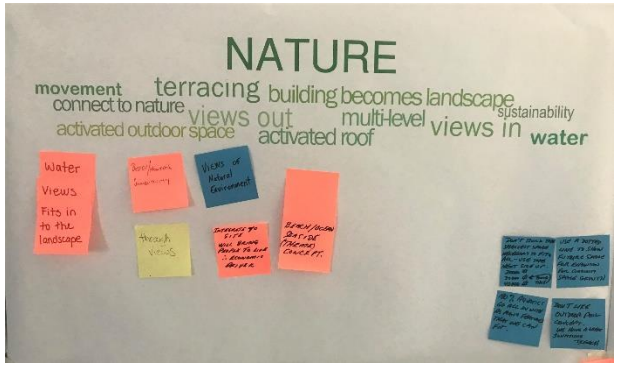
- Growing population and a desire to provide for a changing demographic
- Financial support for the new facility should not burden the community
- The new facility should address the issues with Ravensong, such as accessibility, access, programming and provide a pool with complementary components.
- Varied opinions on 25m versus 50m lap pool.
- Varied opinions on aquatic-only facility versus a multiplex community centre
- Think to the future and plan for expansion now
- Location and site is important in addressing accessibility and expansion potential

BLUE SKY VISION

- Connectivity to the outdoors, examples of: retractable roof / glass roof - to see, hear and feel the rainforest, roll-up doors
- Viewing platforms and decks to see the views of the beach, to read a book
- Incorporate climbing walls
- Wild play adventure / American gladiator (would suit a mix of abilities and ages)
- Unstructured and free play
- Multiple spots for vendors, food trucks, social gathering, meeting places, place to mingle + have a drink.
- Viewing areas into the programmed spaces.
- Arts + Culture + Sports together, cross-involvment.

Trends in Recreation

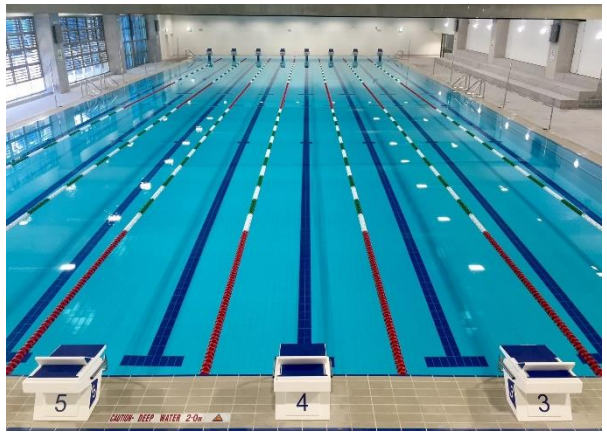
March 5, 2020



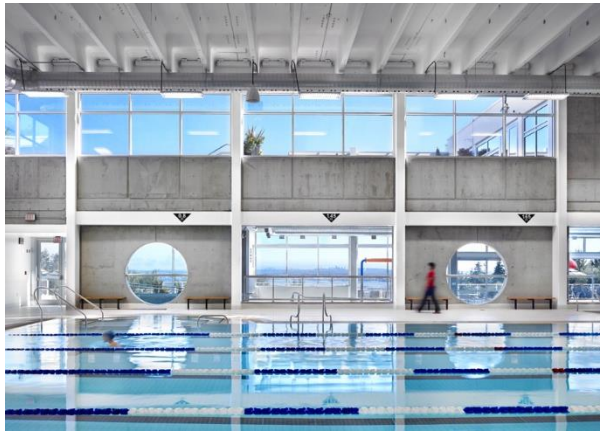
Parksville Aquatics Workshop

March 5, 2020

Aquatic Components

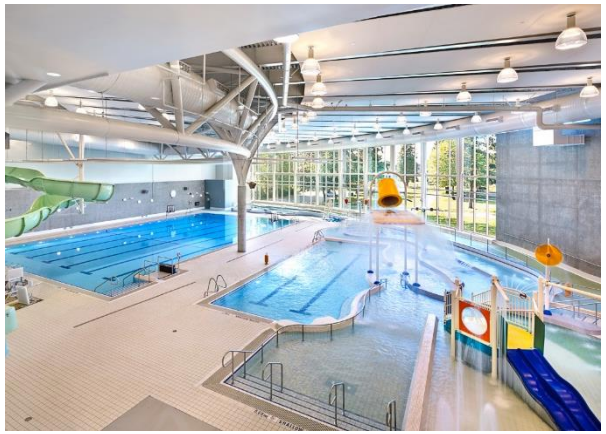


25m vs 50m



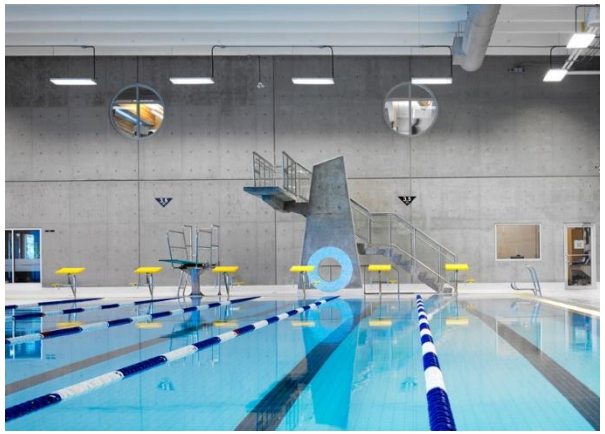
6 – 8 Lanes

Sauna + Hot Tubs



Leisure + Lessons

Play Features



Diving

Zero Beach Entry

Lazy River / Current Channel

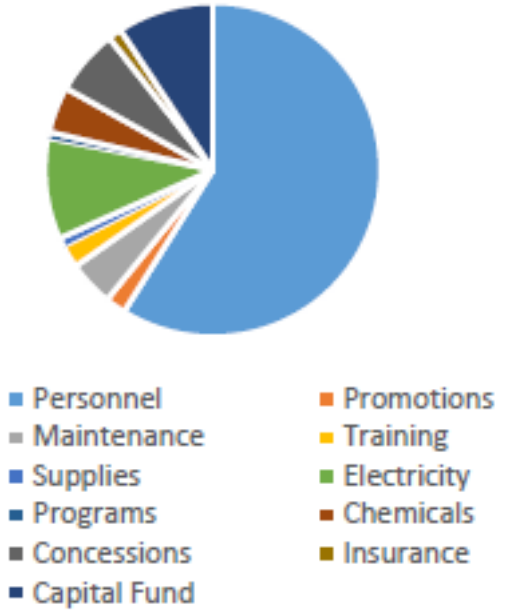
1.0 4.5 M
0.2 4.7 M

FACILITY OPERATIONS

WHAT ITEMS HAVE THE MOST IMPACT ON YOUR COMMUNITY FACILITY'S OPERATIONAL COST?

- Designing for efficient facility operation
- Selection of pool equipment and systems critical to the sustainability of your facility
- Sustainable Design
    - VFD's
    - LED Lighting
    - Pool Covers
    - Regenerative Filtration
    - Facility automation
- Ongoing review of life cycle analysis of equipment options

• EXPENSES •



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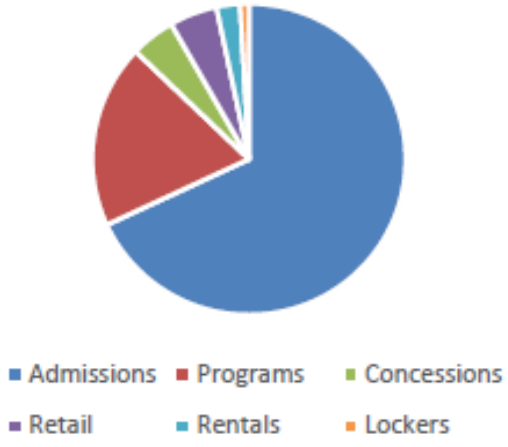
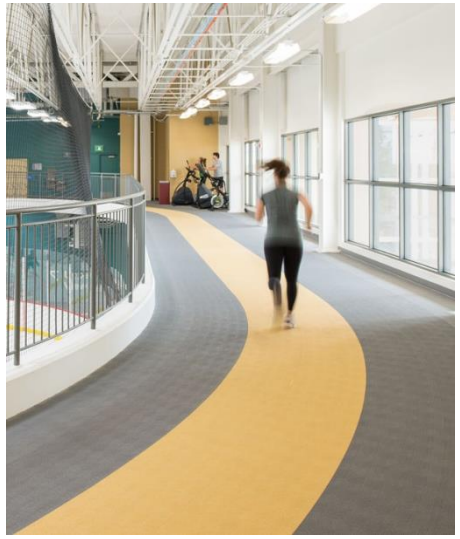
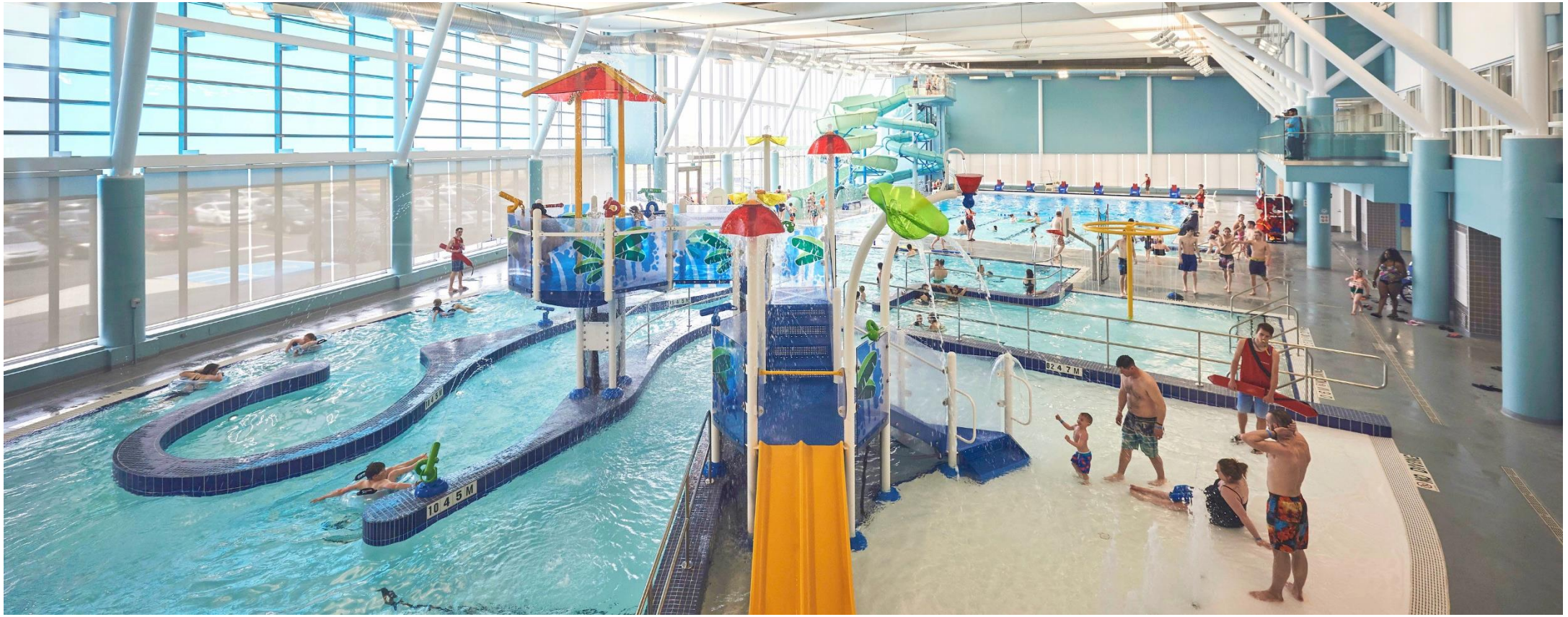




PROGRAM OPTION 1

- Indoor pool with the following aquatic components:
  6 x25m Pool, lazy river, leisure pool w/ zero entry, hot tub
- Change rooms
- Lobby + Admin (incl. Reception and staff office space)
- Indoor walking/running track
- Multi-Purpose spaces (x2)
- Indoor gym (single)



PROGRAM OPTION 2

- Indoor pool with the following aquatic components:
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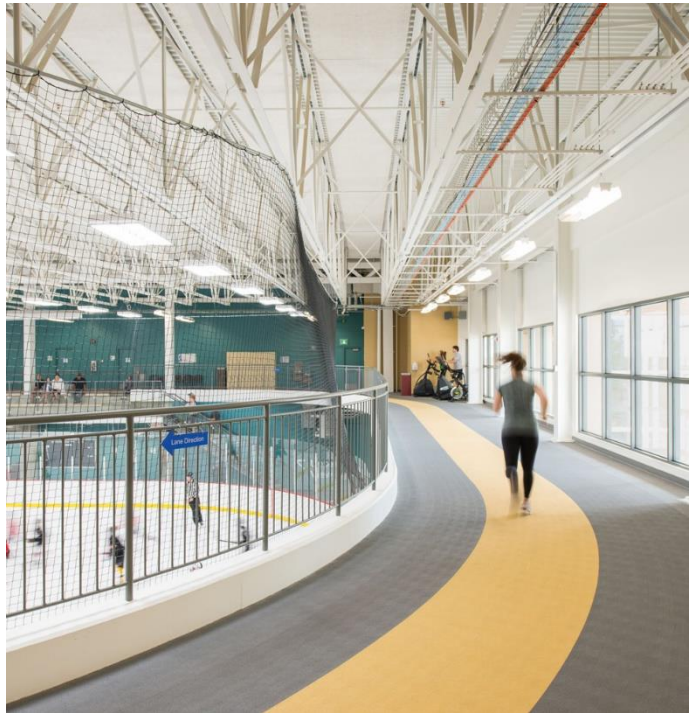
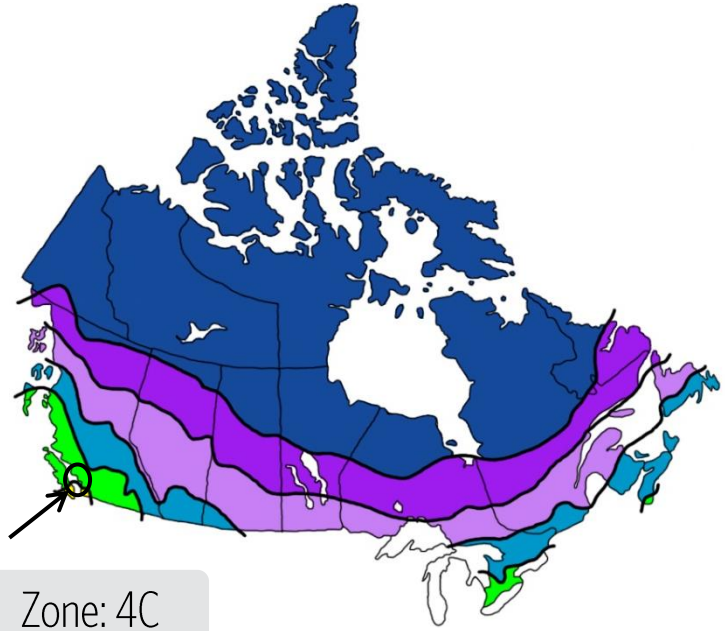
- Change rooms
- Lobby + Admin (incl. Reception and staff office space)

Parksville Pool and Multiplex Feasibility Study

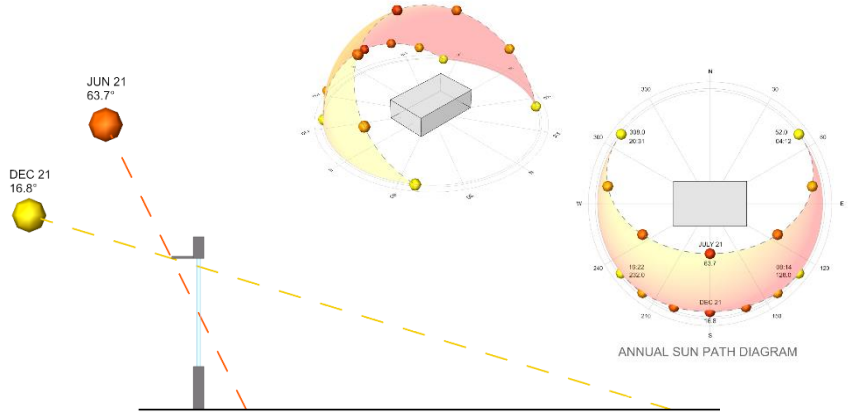
<u>Phase 2 – CONCEPT DESIGN</u>

- Used a test site to plan out a potential facility, understand size, form and function.
- Looked at local and international precedence on sports and recreation facilities, aquatic centres, and community buildings
- Used the information gathered from the Needs Assessment Report and the program studies to layout conceptual plans, understanding program relationships, public shared space, etc.





Zone: 4C



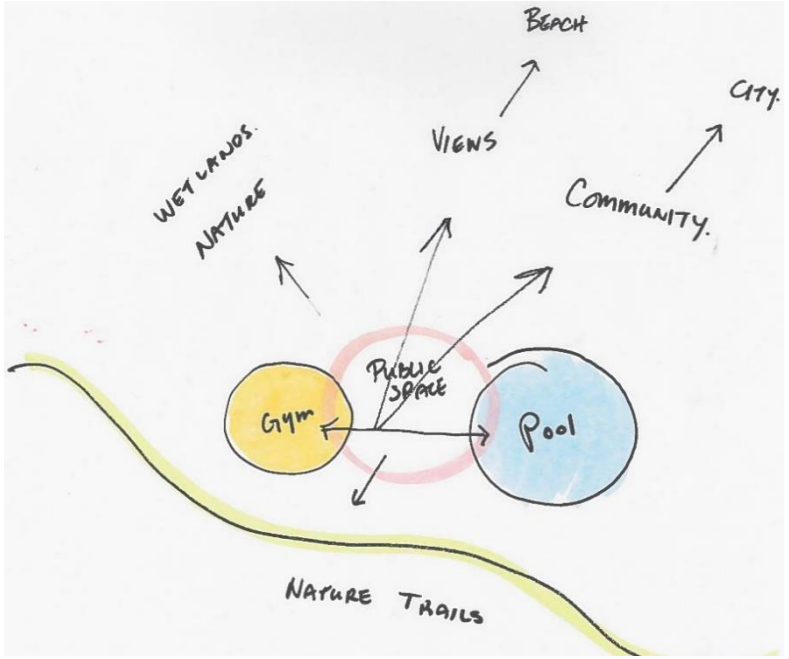
ANNUAL SUN PATH DIAGRAM

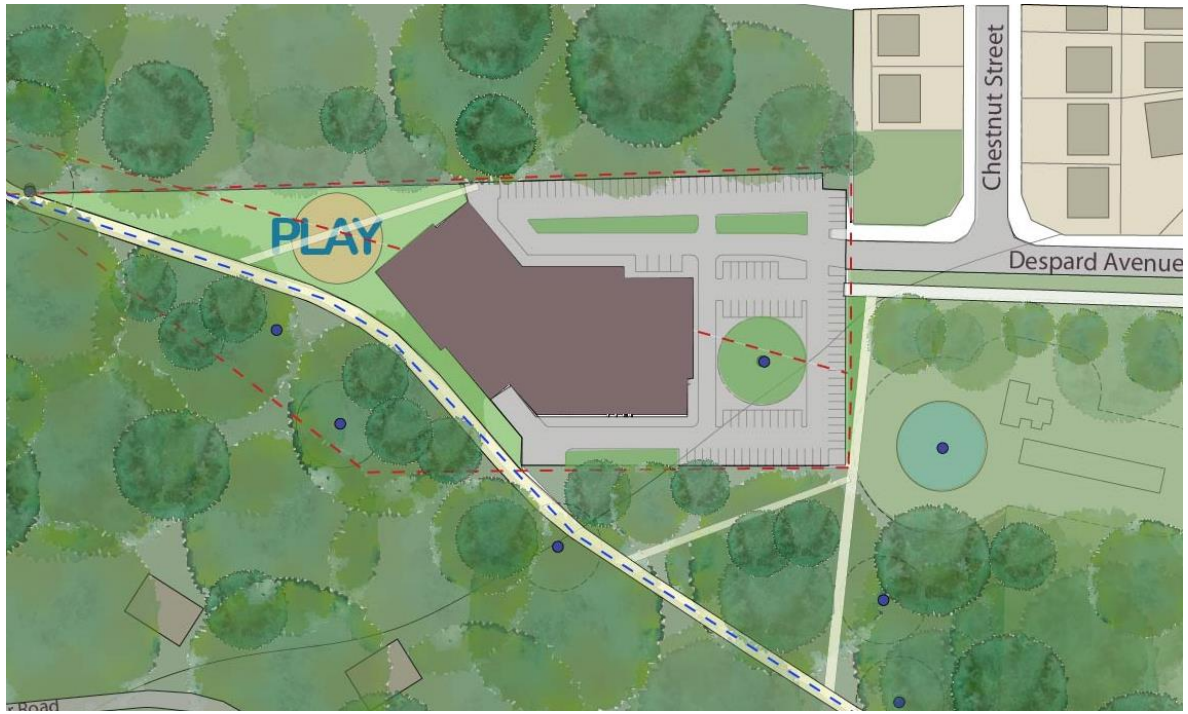
SUN ANGLES AT NOON ON WINTER AND SUMMER SOLSTICES

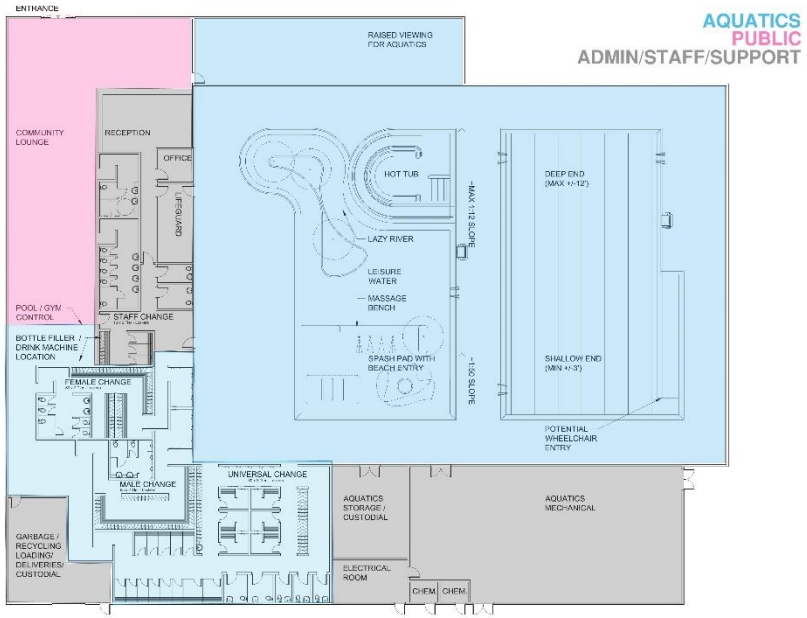
2' OVERHANG SHOWN

Insights and comments we heard….

- Refocus on families + youth
- Take advantage of views
- Look for opportunities to create synergies
- Multiplex should attract people to the City of Parksville
- Promote being active (all ages)
- Provide complementary components + program opportunities
- Accessible Location
- Promote intergenerational connections
- Promote biking, walking, transit use
- Connect to nature
- Flexible space
- Provide more amenities for residents under one roof
- Provide something unique to Parksville
- Building should relate to site







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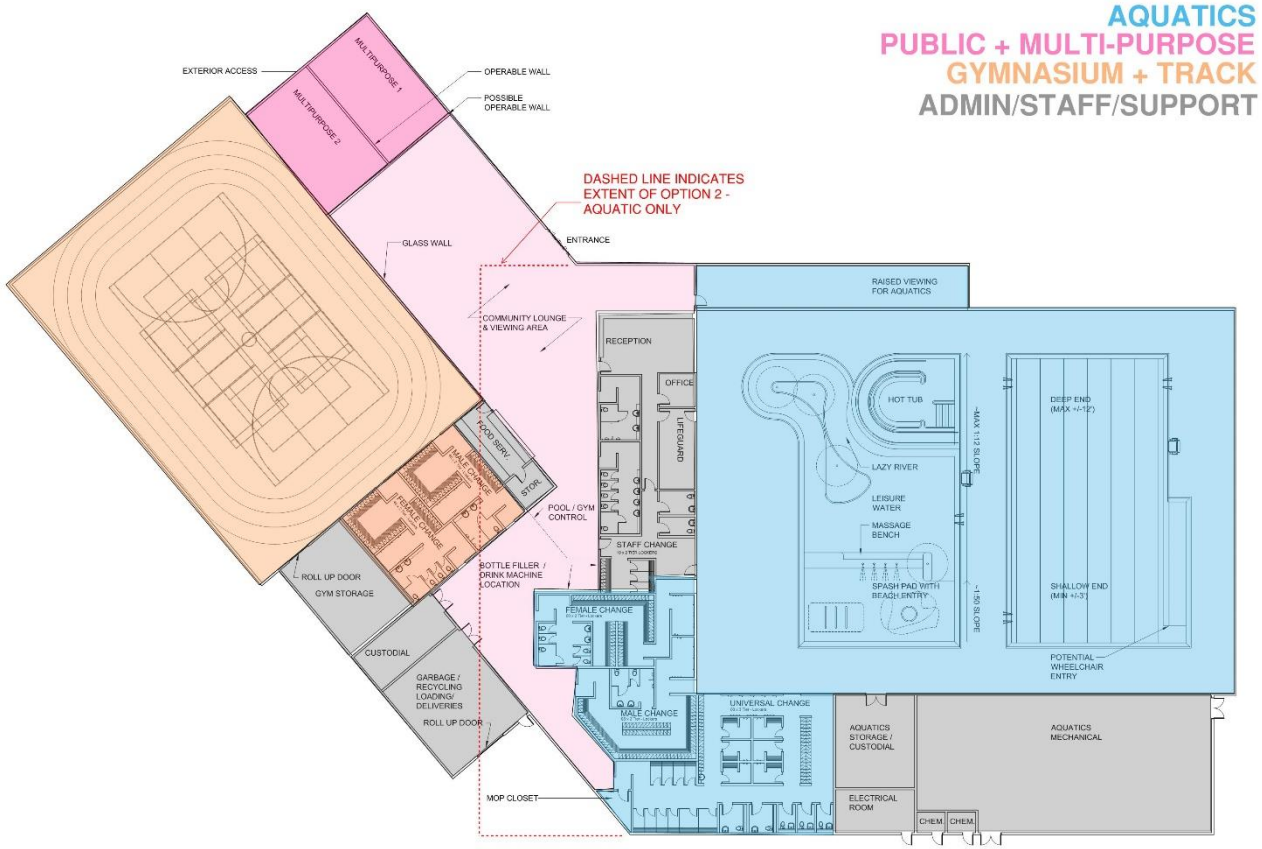

Aquatic & Multiplex

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TEST SITE

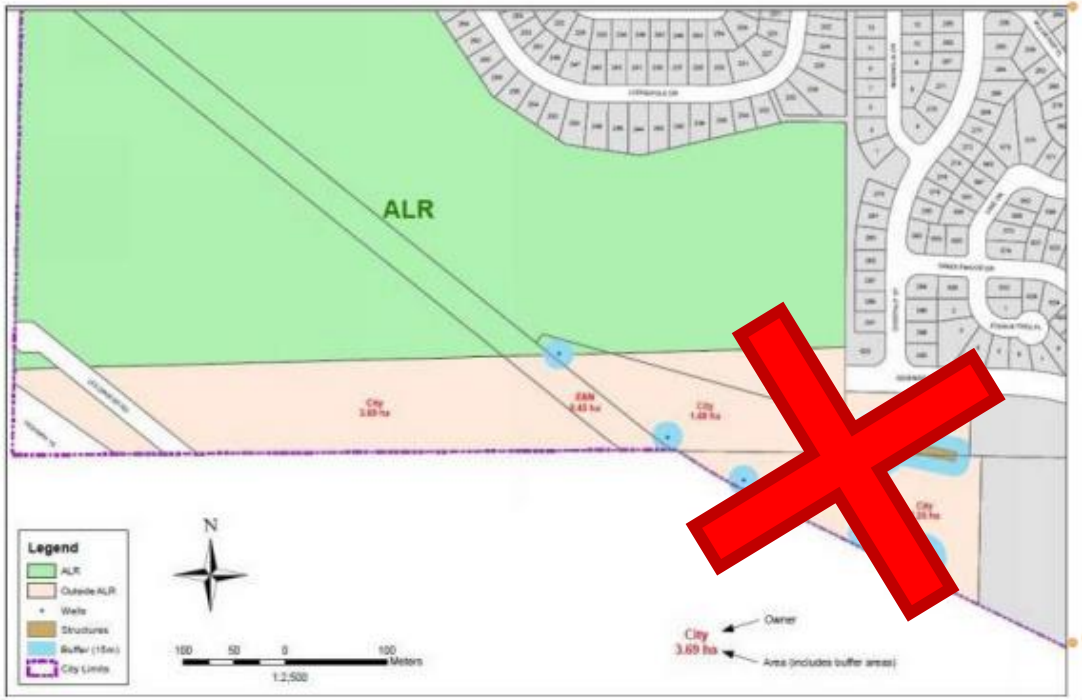
For the purpose of this study one site location was selected to be used as a sample or test site for conceptual design purposes and is not the final site location for the facility. The selected site at Despard Avenue is City owned property, on the border of the city limits to the south. Although at the edge of the city, this site is a short distance by car, by bicycle and approximately a 20-30 min walk into the centre of town. The site is adjacent to green space, open areas and athletic fields, running tracks and other related amenities. There is an opportunity for this site to connect to nearby existing trails and potential to create synergies between nature, recreation and the community, and as a result promote active aging and physical literacy in diverse ways. The #88 bus route is in close proximity to the site making it an accessible and walkable location for residents of Parksville.

The Despard Ave site consists of several pieces of undeveloped lands with the parcels totaling approximately 8 ha, however, there are some developed areas containing municipal wells and drinking water facilities that must be considered. The subject area consists of lands with A-1 Agricultural and P-1 Public Institutional zoning.

P-1 Public Institutional allows for the permitted land uses such as: public school, public administration, public assembly, public utility, community care facility, park, outdoor recreation. There are height restrictions, principal buildings maximum 11.0 m and accessory buildings and structures, maximum height 5.0m. Floor Area Ratio max is 1.0 and max. lot coverage is 60%.

A-1 Agricultural zone is intended to provide land for diversity of rural land uses and does not allow for a recreation facility as a permitted use.

This is a green field site on the border of the city limits. The Parksville Wetlands are adjacent to the test site, overlapping aspects of the designated subject area.



Public Consultation Study

Parksville Pool and Multiplex

Our Consultation Program

Summer/Fall 2021

- HDR@parksville.ca
  - E-newsletter
  - Email comments
- August popup events
  - Postcard survey
- September Virtual Public Meeting
- Student Engagement
- October Virtual Workshops
- Public Feedback Report

Ways to Engage Today

1. Continue to fill out polls as they appear on your screen.

2. Type your questions or comments into the Q&A feature on the bottom of your screen.

   We will read out questions and comments for all attendees to hear, but you will remain anonymous.

3. Use the “raise your hand” feature if you would like to speak.

   You will be muted until called upon. We will give you speaking privileges, and you can then unmute yourself to talk.

   You will have a **maximum of two minutes** to speak.

4. Send your questions or comments by email to HDR@parksville.ca.

Answers to your questions will be provided through our newsletter at a later date.

COMMUNITY

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