

Q & A's

Why do we need another gymnasium?

The design includes a multipurpose space which will be used as a gymnasium and will accommodate many other purposes. The space will be available for community and corporate events and will be open to host socials, funerals, various entertainment events, segregated programming space, conferences and conventions.

We are challenged as an Age Friendly community to find space for day time, afterschool and evening programs. The RM already runs 15-20 hours/week of programming in each school, which is in addition to regular school programs. Seniors and young families have very limited space for daytime programs while the schools are in session. The community also needs more space during the day and evening to enhance and expand the current programs being offered.

Costs

This project is affordable and achievable for tax payers, especially with additional funds coming from fundraising, donations and sponsorships.

The Recreation / Wellness Centre Project costs are approximately 12 million dollars (not including the outdoor pool). The Municipality is hopeful on having those costs split 3 ways between the Federal, Provincial and Municipal governments. Should the Federal funding not be available, the project would be put on hold. The Provincial Government has already promised a 4 million dollar contribution towards the project.

The municipal portion of the project presented is estimated at 4 million dollars. Based on an assessment of \$200,000.00, property taxes would increase approximately \$3.66 a month. That monthly cost will go down with successful project fundraising and sponsorships.

The Outdoor Aquatic Centre Project will be funded independently from the Recreation / Wellness Centre Project potentially utilizing Gas Tax Funds.

Why can't we build an indoor pool?

Indoor pools vary significantly in cost – depending on their size and features. Today we do not have the population or tax base to support the capital and operational costs of an indoor pool. The outdoor model is affordable, which is the reason why small communities like us have outdoor facilities.

With all of the infrastructure and wellness challenges our community faces, Council does not believe building an indoor pool today is a responsible or an appropriate course of action. Council does remain hopeful that in the future when the Region can afford an indoor pool facility, the dream will become a reality.

Fall, winter and spring swim programming will still be offered at the Candace Derksen Memorial Pool at Camp Arnes.

What are the benefits of a seasonal / outdoor pool?

The outdoor pool model is affordable for a community our size. It will provide a variety of recreational and wellness opportunities including swim lessons, public swim, fitness, host group events/bookings and will create employment opportunities and help enhance our summer tourism.

Gimli and all lakeside communities will face challenges when it comes to the future health of Lake Winnipeg. We want to provide a safe place for families to swim and we also want to remain a Destination Center where Manitobans Play.

Can we add a day care, family resource centre or other leased space to the proposal?

We can add different components to the proposal but they will have to come with funding. Suggestions may be provided to the Municipal or Recreation Offices.