

Town of Aurora

Capital Projects

Project	72410 SARC - 7500sqft. Gymnasium MPR Admin.		
Department	Community Services		
Version	Draft 1	Year	2023

Financial Information								
	Budget		10-Year Plan					
	Previously Approved Budget	Capital Budget Authority	Budget Change	Actuals to Dec 31/2021	2022 Forecast	2023	2024	2025-2032
Expenditures								
Estimated Expenditures								
CONTRACTS	11,125,000	11,125,000		35,274	150,000	8,939,726	2,000,000	
	11,125,000	11,125,000		35,274	150,000	8,939,726	2,000,000	
Expenditures Total	11,125,000	11,125,000		35,274	150,000	8,939,726	2,000,000	
Funding								
Development Charges Reserve Funds								
PARKS & RECREATION DC CONT'N	9,892,100				150,000	7,742,100	2,000,000	
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Other Funding Sources								
GROWTH & NEW RES CONT'N	1,232,900					1,232,900		
DEBT FINANCING REVENUE				35,274		(35,274)		
	1,232,900			35,274		1,197,626		
Funding Total	11,125,000			35,274	150,000	8,939,726	2,000,000	

TARGET START DATE AND END DATE: Use format Q4 2017 - Q1 2018

Project conditionally approved February 19, 2019 pending further information. Target start date 2021 - Design and 2022/23 for construction.

Provide a brief overview of the project and include the key goals, objectives and performance measures.

In June 2018, staff presented a gymnasium addition at the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex. The Parks Recreation Culture Services Advisory Committee recommended maximizing the space available. Council approved that recommendation and directed staff to report back during the 2019 budget deliberations. Budget estimate was provided in 2019 which maximized the space by providing a gymnasium size suitable for FIBA and FIVB standards along with additional meeting/program room space and office administration space. At the time, the estimate was \$9.4 million for one-story and \$17.5 million for two-story. With the possibility of additional land requirements and the consideration of a future aquatics facility, the decision for the SARC gymnasium was paused until further review was completed on those other aspects. As the decision on an additional aquatics facility nears completion, revisiting the SARC Gymnasium was requested by Council through a Notice of Motion. The request was for staff to bring back the option for a single, 6,000 sq. ft. gym, as initially discussed, and a second option for multiple gyms be presented at budget time.

As per Council's request, the budget sheet has been updated from the 2019 estimate to be in line with a smaller gym (similar to the AFLC size). This proposal maximizes the space by including program rooms and office administration. As the needs assessment for the various amenities and size of gym needs to be completed, the following summary outlines the cost estimate for the different court sizes and other amenities.

- 5500sqft Gym Only (comparable to AFLC size gym) = \$5million
- 5500sqft Gym MPR Admin (comparable to AFLC size gym) = \$6.8million
- 7500sqft Gym Only (comparable to High School size gym) = \$6.3million
- 7500sqft Gym MPR Admin (comparable to High School size gym) = \$8.2million

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- 11500sqft Gym Only (FIBA size court) = \$9.3million
- 11500sqft Gym MPR Admin (FIBA size court) = \$11.1million (Scope provided in 2019 budget)
- 11500sqft DOUBLE 2-TierGym MPR Admin (FIBA size court) = \$22.6million

Important to note, the 5500sqft options could be delivered without the need for additional land for parking. Anything larger will require additional land.

Provide the reasons the project should be approved and what will be the impact of the project to service levels.

The Park, Recreation Master Plan recommended the consideration of a gymnasium and multi-purpose program space at the SARC. Implementation of this recommendation depends on the Town of Aurora's chosen course of action for indoor aquatics and if not proceeding with a new multi-purpose community centre.

As a preliminary exercise in 2019, staff consulted with the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, sport user groups as well as internal staff. Sport user groups provided to staff the court dimensions and other considerations that would make this site suitable to host games such as program rooms, change rooms, bleachers and multiple courts. Internal staff highlighted the need for both program and office space to accommodate current and future demands.

If the direction is to proceed with the SARC gymnasium project, further assessment of the community needs and desire for sport tourism needs to be confirmed to verify scope. This assessment and design of the approved project could take place in 2021 with construction commencing in the following years.

Explain the benefits of the project which could include Citizen/Client, compliance, financial, internal, learning & growth or utility benefits.

Currently the Town of Aurora has one community gymnasium at the AFLC that is very well used and offers programs for all ages and abilities. Often participants are placed on a waitlist or rentals are turned away due to lack of availability. An additional gymnasium would provide space to accommodate Aurora's growing population and provide an additional program space at the SARC which currently is missing in a typical multi-use facility. The SARC is often host to tournaments and other community events (i.e. fairs, markets, etc.) and having the additional breakout space would be beneficial. If a competitive sized gymnasium was approved, this would provide for the local competitive court sports an opportunity to train and have games. The competitive teams are often challenged at finding suitable courts for their programs.

Please provide an explanation of what the outcomes would be if the project was not approved.

Recreation programs would not be able to expand to keep up with the population growth. Tournament and other events will continue to be limited to the existing spaces, often creating congestion in the lobby and hallways as teams prepare for their games. The competitive teams will continue to be challenged at finding suitable courts for their programs.