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**From:** "Rae Anne Hesketh" <raeskate8@gmail.com>  
**Date:** December 7, 2016 9:32 AM  
**To:** "Lynda" <pannache@shaw.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: SG Redevelopment Workshop - December 6th

In the expansion there will be 2 levels to the building which makes more rooms available to rent for Birthday parties and off ice.

and the rest I believe is mostly there.

Thank you,

On Tue, Dec 6, 2016 at 11:25 PM, Lynda <[pannache@shaw.ca](mailto:pannache@shaw.ca)> wrote:

Hi Rae Anne, before I share the information from today's workshop, would you be able to take a quick read and let me know if I am missing anything of significance? If not, just let me know and I can send as it.

There have been facility and user needs studies and assessments regarding upgrades to the Strathcona Gardens facility. This is an estimated 21 million dollar project with anticipation that 50% will be coming from Federal grant funding. If you are interested in the final report here is a [link](#).

The focus of the upgrade is to a Wellness Centre, arena and pool surfaces as well as parking. With the anticipated increase in users of the facility comes expansion of parking. The Commission is hoping to amalgamate some of the duplication of services offered by the Sportsplex, Strathcona Gardens and the Community Centre. Focus is also on offering something for all members of the family. Example is that private clubs only cater to a small group of people. This was brought up because of some of the talk around the fitness area and duplicating what the private clubs offer.

A Feasibility Study will be conducted in June 2017. This project meets the needs of the community spanning the next 20 years. A proposed drawing of the two floor facility was a test for fit to see what worked, what didn't, and what changes should be made to make it better.

In no particular order, here are some of the highlights.

- Expanding the side of the building where rink 1 is located into the alley.

- East side dressing rooms removed and widening the aisle. Dressing rooms relocated and size increased to slightly larger than the dressing rooms in Arena 1

location.

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- Replacing the roof.

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- Increasing seat capacity by about 300 and having bucket seats.Â Attendees said that the increase was inadequate to their needs.

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- Wellness Centre is a living health area that offers therapy and treatment rooms.

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- The pool tank has been leaking for years and further testing is planned in 2017.Â Looking at fixing that but a geotechnical assessment of the soil would need to be completed.Â This is outside the parameter of this project.

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- Pool change rooms to be increased and added to accommodate "families"™.

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- Relocate the reception area.Â Enlarge the lobby space in the center of the facility to give good visual when doors opening.Â Have a social area.

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### **Comments specific to the Arena(s)**

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- Desperate for more ice and pool space; unfortunately, there is no room for a 3rd sheet of ice.

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- Need more seating to get a Junior B team here.

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- Need a referee room.

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- Need a female change room.

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- Need a good flow to get people in and out of the facility.

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- New change rooms slightly bigger than the ones by Rink 2.

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- Have a skate mill available, i.e. allows skater to work on stride, etc.Â Space would be slightly larger than the Pinecrest room.

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- Need a proper dry land area; conflict with other users.Â Example given was when we have test days and Minor hockey uses the stands for their dry land training.

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### **General Comments**

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- Fitness Centre on the 2nd floor.

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- Elevators accessible to 2nd floor.

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- Reno to Sportsplex has been halted until the reno to Strathcona Gardens has been determined and how they compliment each other.

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- Traffic study needs to look at parking as it relates to increased users.Â Will be looking at nearby parking areas as well as transit requirements to access the facility.Â Will also need to discuss with the City and Strathcona Gardens re. emergency vehicle access.Â Another thought was to have a road that goes south behind the RCMP building onto Merecroft with traffic lights.

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- Wellness location may be on the 1st floor.Â Consideration for this focus is on revenue generating and community demand.

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- [Needs Assessment is available online](#) if anyone is interested in seeing the statistics on users of this facility.

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- Capacity is a big issue.Â Minor hockey is asking to enclose the leisure ice for some of their training camps.Â Rae Anne suggested having this ice surface extended/enlarged.

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- Need proper lifts in the pool area for people with physical limitations.

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- Having multi purposes rooms available, approximately 4x the size of the Pinecrest room.Â Purpose would be for meetings, birthday parties, etc.Â Offices would be on the 2nd floor.Â Recommend a kitchenette or coffee bar area be available in some of these rooms.Â Storage also a requirement.

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- Depending on use, flooring would be adjusted, i.e. spring form (fitness type purpose), black rubber and laminate for office-type/birthday purposes for each clean up.

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- Discussed the interior spaces utilized as social or waiting areas.Â Have adequate tables/chairs with chairs being more comfortable for seniors and/or people with physical limitations.

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- Recommend workers in the concession be consulted when upgrading this area.Â Experts will be consulted with concession renos.

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- â€˜Bump upâ€™™ or improve current sound system.

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- Need seating in Rink 2.

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- 80% of users go straight to their area of use and not through the lobby.Â

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- Need better emergency entrance.Â Fire follows the Fire Plan.Â Ambulance comes to the front area.

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Brief discussion around the outside look and feel of the building.Â Also considering what "green"™ building systems should be used.

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Project updates will come out with newsletter and a new web site that will go live in the near future.

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**From:** Victoria Smith

**Sent:** Sunday, December 4, 2016 9:00 PM

**Subject:** Reminder: SG Redevelopment Workshop this Tuesday December 6th

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Hoping to see many of you at our workshop on Tuesday evening. This is an important opportunity for your organization to provide input on the proposed redevelopment of Strathcona Gardens.

So far we have representation from one pool user group, ice (figure skating and adult hockey) and dry floor as well as general members of the community.

Haven't had a chance to RSVP - no problem. We will do our best to accommodate everyone.

Please join us or contact me to arrange an opportunity for your club to have a say.



Hello everyone.

As I hope many of you are aware, the Strathcona Regional District is currently in the process of planning for the proposed redevelopment of Strathcona Gardens. As you are a representative of one of our valued user groups, it is my intent to keep you informed about this project. I also hope that you will be willing to share your thoughts as we continue to develop the plan over the next 12 months.

I appreciate that this is short notice and that you are all very busy people but I would like to invite you to join a workshop next week:

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**Tuesday December 6<sup>th</sup> 2016 from 6.30-8pm**  
**Strathcona Gardens " Rod Brind™Amour Arena (rink 1) Foyer**

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This is an opportunity to learn more about the RECREATE project and meet the project team. You will be asked to discuss key questions that will help inform this important project. Light refreshments will be provided.

This session is primarily intended for representatives of key groups that utilize Strathcona Gardens. You are welcome to bring 1-3 additional members of your organization. If you have any special needs or are unable to make this session and wish to be involved, please contact me and I will do my best to find something that will work for you.

Please call if you have any questions. Again, apologies for the short notice, especially at this time of year!

I look forward to meeting you!Â

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