

LEISURE EXPANSION AQUATIC PROJECT (L.E.A.P)



Leisure Expansion Aquatic Program (LEAP)

Background:

In May 2021, Calgary City Council approved a \$45M investment in MNP Community Sport Centre to enhance aquatic recreation amenities and complementary support spaces to provide a modern recreation experience for surrounding communities, the greater downtown area and for all Calgarians.

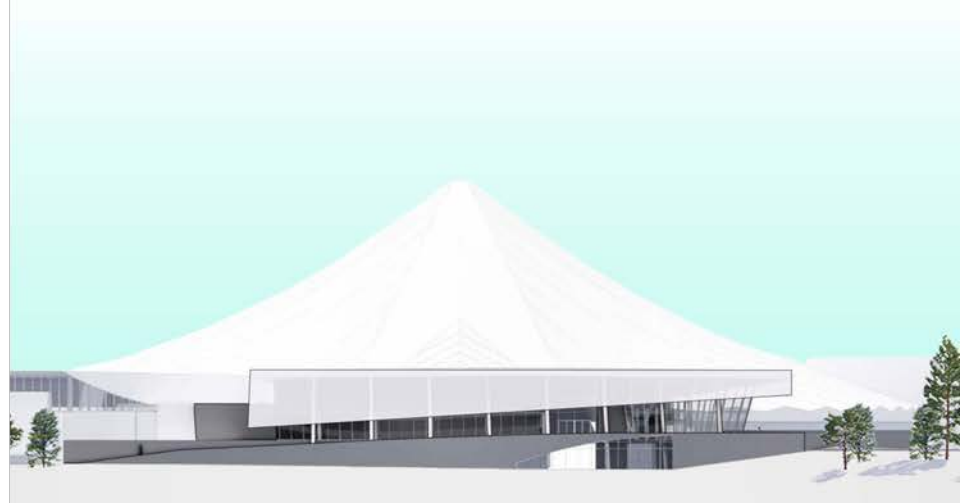
Project Components – west addition

Approximately 40,000 sq ft. west addition of leisure water (inclusive of mechanical areas) and complementary spaces with plans for a large theme-park like lazy river, water slides, beach entry tots pool, vortex, free form play water and a large hot tub.



Project Components – south addition

Approximately 25,000 sq. ft. south addition with plans for a large universal change room, community gathering spaces, food services, offices and meeting rooms.



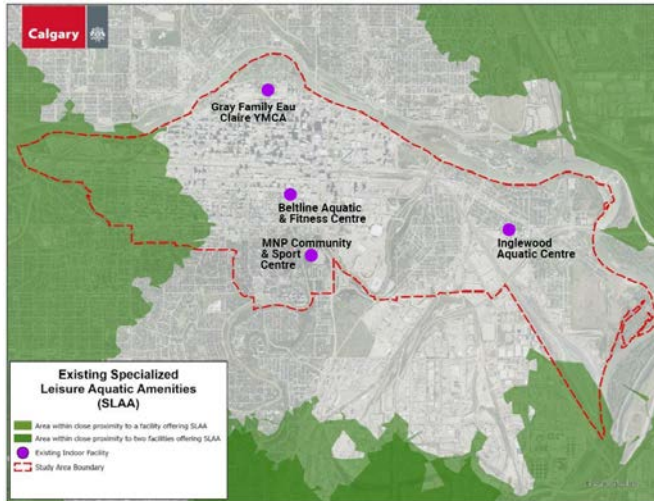
Project Outcomes

- Support downtown revitalization
- Position MNP Community & Sport Centre as an optimized regional recreation centre for all Calgarians
- Expand program and service offerings to serve a larger customer base
- Create inclusive and accessible spaces
- Deliver environmental efficiencies
- Create a strong connection with Lindsay Park to improve user experience and safety

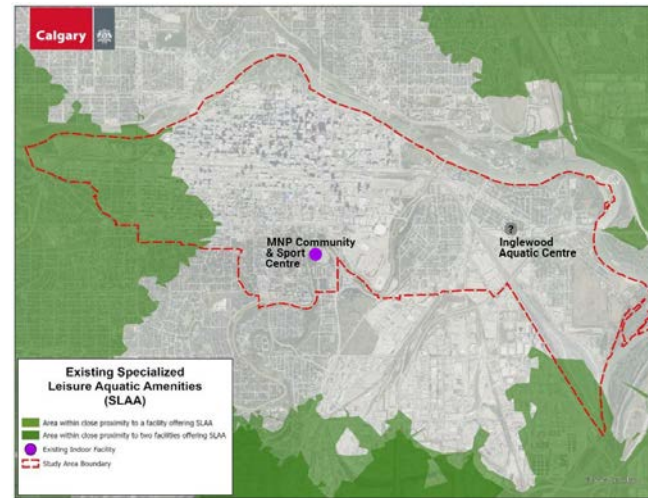
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The project will serve as a community hub for 16 proximate communities including: Beltline, Dover, Downtown Core, Mission, Inglewood, Sunalta, Lower Mount Royal, Downtown E. Village, Downtown W. End, Southview, Ramsay, Cliff Bungalow, Eau Claire, Chinatown, Erilton, Scarboro

Specialized Leisure Aquatics, 2020



Current Specialized Leisure Aquatics



Project Readiness

- ✓ \$72.5M in project funding secured
- ✓ Project team assembled
- ✓ Schematic Design complete
- ✓ Stakeholder Engagement ongoing
- ✓ Peer Review complete
- ✓ Design Optimization complete
- ✓ Parking study complete
- ✓ Shovel ready summer 2024

Funding

- \$45M investment from the City of Calgary
- \$27.5M additional investment from the Lindsay Park Sport Society secured through a provincial grant and earned revenue
- Attempts to source additional funding through the federal government and major games opportunities have been unsuccessful
- **An additional \$12.5M is required to complete the project.**

Project Risks

- Continued cost escalation
- Inability to meet the provincial granting terms (project timeline and scope) and forfeit money
- Failure to deliver the LEAP project leaves a major recreation gap in downtown Calgary and surrounding areas

*Note closure of Beltline Aquatic Centre and Eau Claire YMCA

Request

Calgary City Council invests an additional \$12.5M to deliver the full project scope and allow the project to get underway summer 2024 and be ready to support the North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) in summer 2027.