

Amenity Refinement Study Results

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Multisport Fieldhouse Committee recommend that Council:

1. Approve the amenity mix as outlined in the Amenity Refinement Study Summary Results (Attachment 2), and
2. Direct Administration to proceed with design and report back to Committee on completion of key milestones.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The refined amenity mix included (Attachment 2, Section 5) for the Foothills Multisport Fieldhouse (the “Fieldhouse”) reflects feedback from targeted engagement confirming use patterns, sport design specifications, event hosting requirements and community needs.
- Results include preliminary project costing of \$380 million (Class 5 estimate). This cost envelope aligns with previous projections communicated to funding partners as part of ongoing advocacy efforts.
- **What does this mean to Calgarians?** The proposed Fieldhouse amenity mix responds to current and future sport and community needs while positioning Calgary as a training and competition destination unique in Canada.
- **Why does this matter?** The facility addresses an existing need for indoor practice and play space in Calgary and will have a positive impact on regional economies through increased sport tourism. The proposed amenity mix and configuration of the facility result in operational efficiencies and increased opportunities for Calgarians to participate in programming.
- Background and Previous Council Direction is included as Attachment 1.

DISCUSSION

The amenity mix includes sizes and configurations for core amenities based on the guiding principles of maximizing programming opportunities, operational efficiency, competition capability and flexibility. The final proposed amenity mix includes:

- 200-metre hydraulic track with a separate 130-metre 10-lane sprint track (100-metre sprint, 110-metre hurdle and runoff).
- Gymnasia with a feature court, six regular courts and two multi-activity courts.
- 72x160-metre indoor artificial turf field.
- Supporting infrastructure (e.g., change rooms, team rooms, seating, etc.).
- Ancillary spaces (e.g., commercial lease space, fitness area, food services, childminding/daycare space, etc.).

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EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Public engagement was undertaken | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Dialogue with interested parties was undertaken |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Public/interested parties were informed | <input type="checkbox"/> | Public communication or engagement was not required |

The amenity mix, facility layout and site context were presented to interest groups through targeted engagement (Attachment 2, Section 8). Information about needs and preferences was also collected to validate amenity specifications for individual sports. For example, engagement influenced the proposed size of the artificial turf field and multi-activity courts, the number of team rooms and change rooms and the amount of storage. Engagement also helped inform use projections and tournament hosting potential to support future development of an operating model. Broader public engagement will occur during design.

IMPLICATIONS

Triple Bottom Line Impacts

Projected social returns for the amenity mix, including individual and community benefits, align with those identified for the Foothills + McMahon Redevelopment Concept. As estimated Fieldhouse usage (calculated as annual visits and event hosting potential) is higher than the previous study (due to a modular layout better suited for concurrent programming and event hosting), 1:4 has been validated as the minimum social return on investment with opportunity for growth. This means every dollar invested will generate a minimum social return of \$4.

Service and Financial Implications

No anticipated financial impact

While there are no service and financial implications associated with this report, the study produced a preliminary project costing scenario. A refined capital and operating cost estimate will be developed through design. The project is expected to be completed within the \$380 million cost estimate previously communicated to potential funding partners.

RISKS

The City has earmarked \$109 million towards the capital cost for this project. Additional contributions from funding partners are required to advance this project. There is a risk the project will be unable to move past design without funding contributions from partners. This would result in the current gap in indoor practice and play space remaining unaddressed and Calgary would continue to miss opportunities to attract competitions and events. Administration is actively pursuing funding advocacy to advance the Fieldhouse.

The City is currently investigating the feasibility of an Alberta bid for the 2030 Commonwealth Games. While the Fieldhouse is not contingent on a successful bid, proposed amenities could align with hosting requirements for the Games. There is a risk Calgarians may perceive development of the Fieldhouse as being dependent on a successful Commonwealth Games bid. Administration is actively working on messaging to ensure this is clearly understood.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Previous Council Direction
2. Amenity Refinement Study Summary Results
3. Presentation – Amenity Refinement Study Results

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