



Building a Stronger Kelowna

Community, Sport & Wellness Facilities

An architectural rendering of a modern building with a long, low profile and a facade of vertical wooden slats. The building is situated in a lush forest of tall, thin trees. In the foreground, a dirt path leads towards the building, and a group of people, including a woman, a child, and a man, are walking away from the viewer. The scene is set in a natural, outdoor environment with mountains visible in the background under a clear sky.

Project Status

- Design plans agreed upon by all partners
 - Team
 - Budget
 - Timing
- Form and Character Development Permit
 - Submitted

Project Milestones

Council
Endorsed
Guiding
Principles

2022

Council
Endorsed
Functional
Plan

2023

Integrated
Project
Delivery
Begins

2024

Refine
Design
Plans

Form &
Character
Development
Permit
Submitted

2025

Site
Mobilization

Construction

2025

Functional Plan Summary

Athletic Program	5x larger	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enhanced fitness centre.• Triple gym complex with spectator seating to host competitions.• More space for more indoor activities.	✓
Aquatic Program	2.5x larger	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pool has increased from 6 lanes to 10 lanes.• More aquatic space for more classes including rehabilitation programs.	✓
Athletic/Aquatic Support	1.7x larger	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• More change rooms, washrooms, and equipment storage.	✓
Customer Service	2.2x larger	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multi-purpose spaces to meet a wide range of needs.	✓
Building Operations	1.7x larger	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Larger spaces for operations, mechanical, and electrical.	✓
Overall Building	3.2x larger	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• More space to meet the needs of the community	✓



Aquatics





Athletics



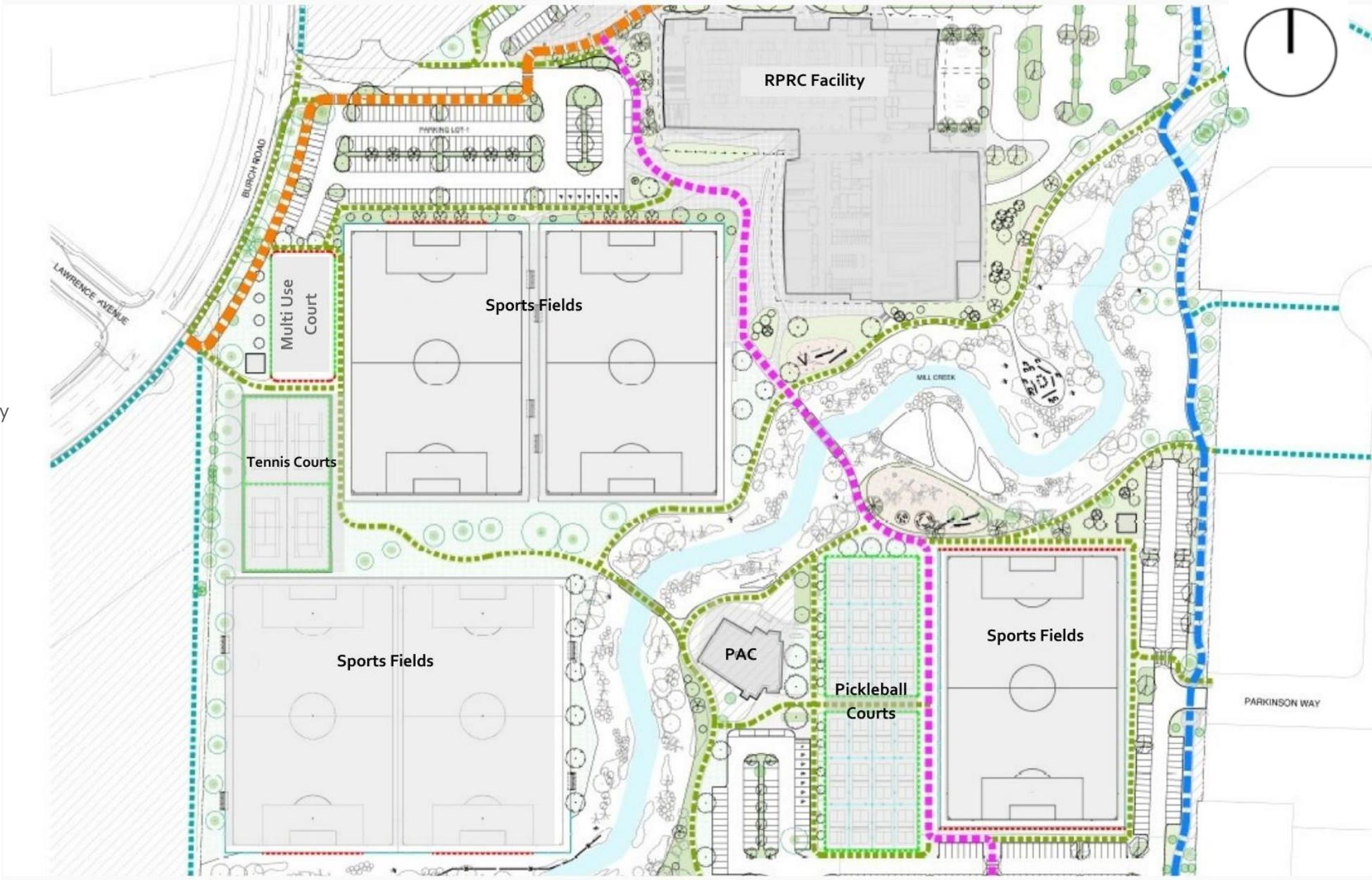


Park



Site Plan

-  Future multi-use pathway
-  Future wheelchair accessible pathway
-  Existing multi-use pathway
-  Existing multi-use pathway
-  Future pedestrian pathway

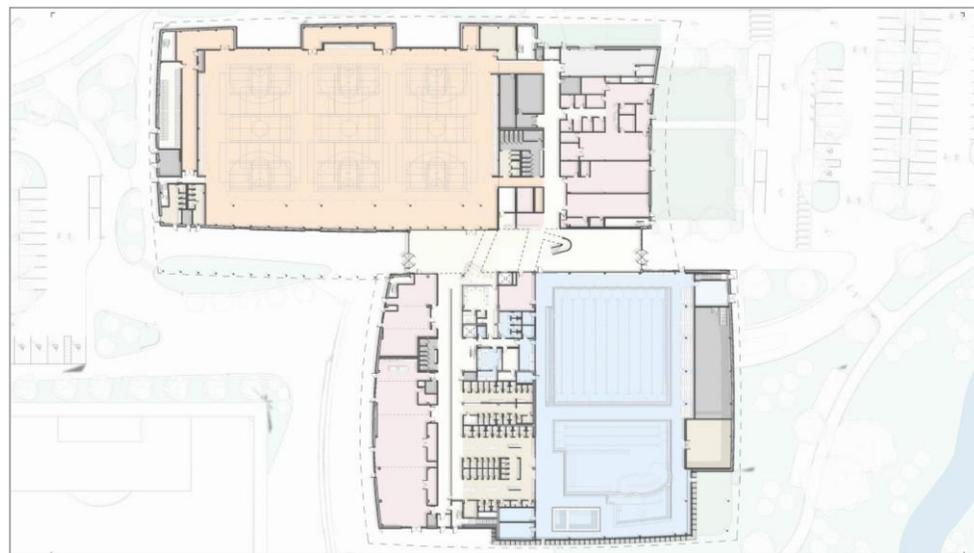
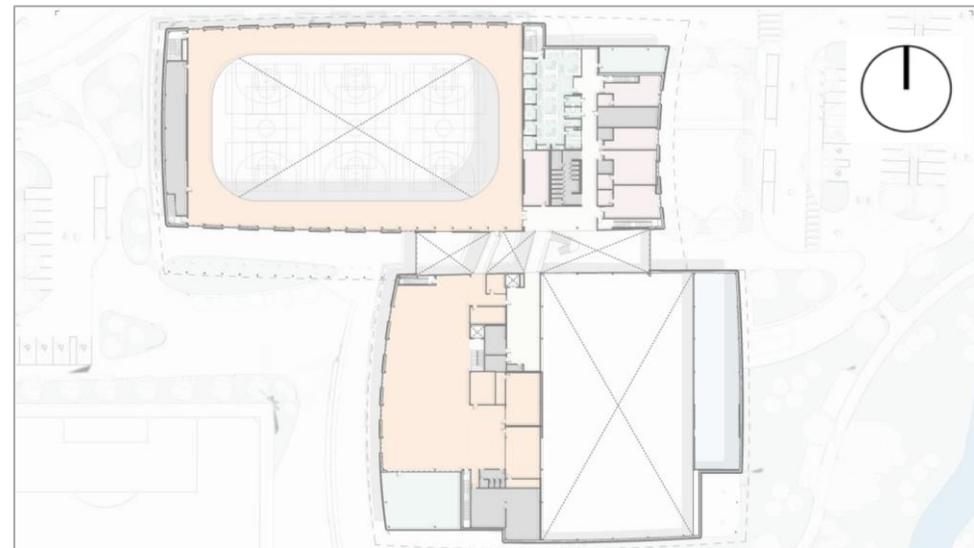




Mill Creek Interface

- Naturalization of Mill Creek with clear views to the water from the building
- Direct relationship with Mill Creek to the east, grounding the facility within the Parkinson Recreation Park
- Cultural gathering space located north bank of Mill Creek.

Layouts

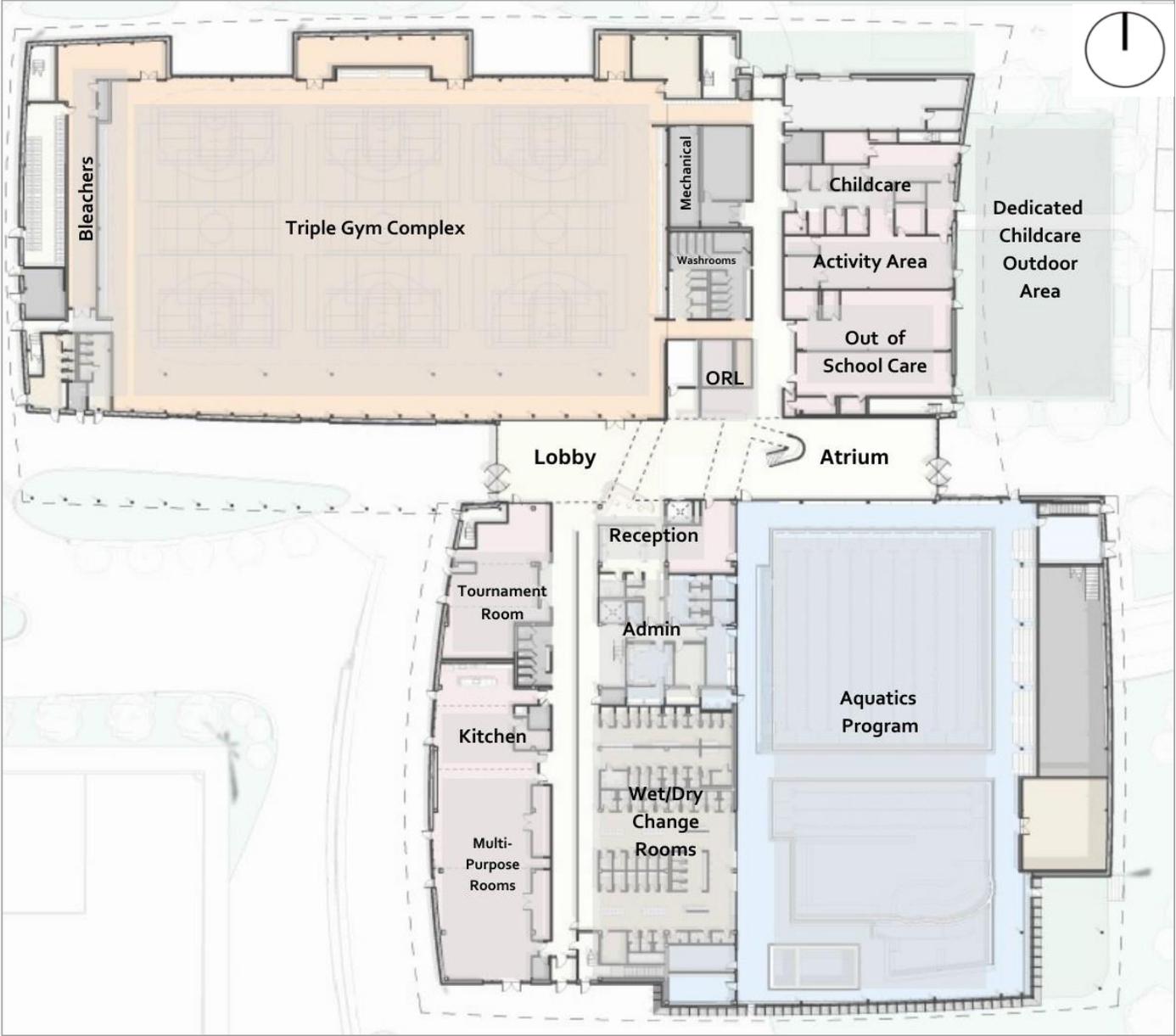


Site Interior First Floor

Pool



Gym

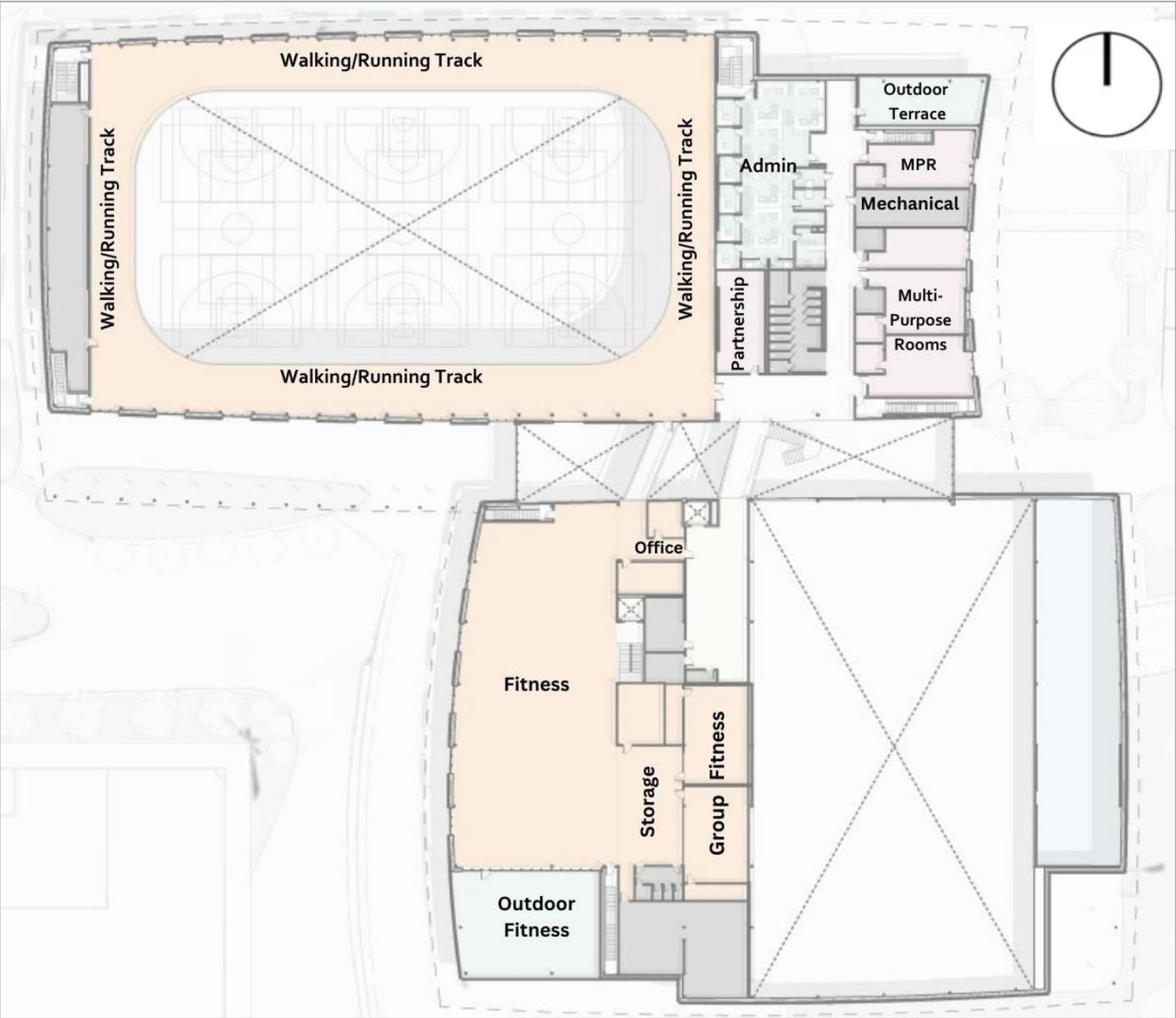


Site Interior Second Floor

Lobby



Running/Walking Track



From the project's inception, the inclusion of Indigenous perspectives has been integral in shaping a facility that is both respectful and reflective of the rich cultural heritage of the syilx/Okanagan people. This collaborative approach has been essential in fostering unity and mutual respect, which are key to the project's success and long-term sustainability.

Llana Teichroeb
Westbank First Nation Elder

Kim Kosik
Westbank First Nation Member

The RPRC is a transformative project that will significantly benefit our community. It will offer innovative programs, promote social connections, and contribute to the overall well-being of individuals and families in our region. I strongly support this initiative and look forward to the positive impact it will have on our community.

Laura Dyck BScPT
Allied Health Manager Central Okanagan
Interior Health

On behalf of the coaches, swimmers and parents I would like to convey our full support for the RPRC.

The RPRC presents an exciting opportunity for added growth for the Aquajets and offer more kids in the community the opportunity to improve their swimming abilities and move on to Local, Regional, National and Olympic level competitions.

Beyond swimming athletes at Kelowna Aquajets learn confidence, leadership, and sportsmanship, while having fun and getting the technical and tactical skills needed to succeed as a competitive swimmer laying a solid foundation for their future built around patience, resilience and competition.

Grant Donnelly
President, Kelowna Aqua Jets

PacificSport Okanagan has a long standing and collaborative relationship with the City of Kelowna with shared goals of increasing access to sport and recreation in creating healthy and active communities. We can see through our own programming the continued need to prioritize increased access to recreation facilities in Kelowna. It is our understanding that this planned development will serve to increase access to a variety of programming and support healthy and active lifestyles.

Michelle Webster, MBA
Executive Director, PacificSport Okanagan

Together, as a team, we are confident in the project's ability to achieve Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certified (RHFAC) Gold and the team's ability to build a facility and campus that exemplifies the City of Kelowna's dedication to creating an environment that is accessible, user-friendly, and accommodating to people of all abilities.

Caroline Inglis
Architect AIBC
RHFAC Professional

The RPRC provides an exciting opportunity to work together to co-develop and co-deliver programming that is greatly needed in our growing City. We welcome the opportunity to have students complete their community practicums at the RPRC so that there is increased capacity to deliver a large variety of health and exercise focused and/or specialized programming for the community.

We fully support the RRPRC and look forward to the positive impacts the facility and campus will have on our community

Tanya Forneris, Ph.D
Associate Director
School of Health and Exercise Science
UBCO

Sport tourism plays a vital role in Kelowna, significantly contributing to the physical, social, cultural, and economic well-being of our community. The RPRC presents an excellent opportunity to enhance sports tourism, which is a \$7.2 billion industry in Canada, and to firmly establish Kelowna's brand reputation as a premier destination for major sporting events.

Kelowna has long been recognized for its active lifestyle and was named Canada's top mid-size city for sport hosting by Sport Tourism Canada in 2019 and 2020. The RPRC will bolster these strengths by providing state-of-the-art facilities that can accommodate local and regional tournaments, training camps, and special events.

Lisanne Ballantyne
President & CEO, Tourism Kelowna

The RPRC is a crucial step toward ensuring a brighter, healthier future for our community. As a central hub for recreation and engagement, the new facility will provide unparalleled opportunities for residents to thrive physically, socially, and economically.

We commend the City of Kelowna for its vision and leadership in advancing this vital project and strongly encourage continued efforts to bring it to fruition. Thank you for your dedication to the well-being of our community. We look forward to seeing the positive impact this redevelopment will have for years to come and collaborating as partners for the community.

Tom Huisman
Director, Athletics & Recreation, UBCO

This project represents a significant investment in the community, ensuring greater access to aquatic programming and strengthening Kelowna's ability to support both grassroots and competitive swimming. The planned expansion from a 6-lane, 25-metre pool to a 10-lane, 25-metre tank will offer enhanced training and development opportunities for local athletes, including members of the Kelowna AquaJets Swim Club. This increased capacity will allow for more efficient training sessions, better accommodating the needs of both competitive and recreational swimmers.

Ken Radford
Executive Director, SwimBC

Special Olympics Kelowna is the largest Local in British Columbia. We currently have 205 athletes, participating in 17 sports. Finding accessible and inclusive venues is challenging, and while the City Staff has always been fantastic at facilitating our needs, the proposed new infrastructure would make our programming/scheduling better, allowing us to continue expanding.

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Our dream would be that the RPRC will be the training facility for Special Olympics Kelowna for years to come.

Leo Rutledge - Local Coordinator
Special Olympics Kelowna

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City of Kelowna

Project e-newsletter update

Build It Video

Watch our latest video and get inspired about our Building a Stronger Kelowna initiative.

<https://youtu.be/Owo51aQ-iaM>

By planning, designing, and building facilities we are investing in you. We all deserve a space to connect, learn, move, and grow.

Maximizing Value and Minimizing Risk - Finalizing the Plans for the Redevelopment of Parkinson Recreation Centre

- Visit kelowna.ca/strongerkelowna

Building a Stronger Kelowna Initiative

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The Building a Stronger Kelowna initiative is a group of projects that work together to build deeper community connections across our city. Stay up to date with the latest plans and progress through the [Building a Stronger Kelowna quarterly e-update](#).



- Redevelopment of Parkinson Rec Centre
- All-Ages Activity Centre at Mission Rec Park
- All-Ages Activity Centre at Glenmore Rec Park
- All-Ages Activity Centre at Rutland Lions Park
- Sports Fields in Rutland Recreation Park
- Strengthening Community Partnerships



Next Steps

- April: Council Report – Form & Character Development Permit
- Spring: Construction Fencing and Signage
- Spring: Groundbreaking Event



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