

Carol Day : Referral to staff

Review the cost estimates for the Steveston Community Centre and Library.

Rational :

Why is the Steveston Community Centre up to 110 million for 60,350 sq. ft.? Even with inflation there is a significant difference between these two projects.



## \$59 million cost estimate on proposed south-end Guelph community centre

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GUELPH—A new recreation complex in the city's south end has taken a seemingly huge step toward becoming a reality, but it comes with a hefty price tag.

A long-anticipated consultant's report says a new facility would cost \$59 million and should be located off Clair Road behind Bishop Macdonell Catholic High School. The proposed 150,000-square-foot facility would include two ice pads, an aquatics centre, two gymnasiums, seniors' programming space, meeting rooms and a daycare available for those using the facility, the consultant's report recommends.

# South Guelph rec centre could open as early as 2021

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Pending budgetary approval by council, city staff say the proposed South End Community Centre could open its doors as early as 2021. - Dolores Black

Residents in south Guelph could have a community centre of their own as soon as 2021.

That is according to Mario Petricevic, the city's general manager of facilities management, who told councillors this info during Tuesday afternoon's session of committee of the whole.

However, that optimistic timeline requires the council in place after October's municipal election to give approval to spending the money required to go ahead with the project.

"The design itself, we could have completed toward the end of this year. That would be tender ready at that point," he told councillors.

"However, I would say in the new year with a new council, that's when we would bring a report to council with the full costing and ask for the funding required to go to tender and proceed with construction."

He added that, should councillors approve the spending for the proposed South End Community Centre, shovels could be in the ground as soon as early summer of 2019, with an expected build time of 18 to 24 months.

Best-case scenario, Petricevic said, would see the doors of the new community centre opening in 2021.

While a new report would update the expected construction costs, the city added \$60 million to its 10-year capital forecast for the project in 2015.

A staff report sent to councillors last month noted that the city may not be on the hook for all of that money, saying this project "has been identified as potentially being eligible for grant funding, and staff are actively pursuing federal and provincial governments and our local utility providers for funds to decrease the cost for design and construction of this facility."

Following questions from Coun. Mark MacKinnon, Petricevic revealed other details about the proposed community centre, including how its size — 15,000 square metres, or about 160,000 square feet — compares to the city's other community centres.

"Our West End Community Centre, for example, is around 133,000, 135,000 square feet, so it's a little larger than (that one)," he said.

"Victoria Road, with the expansion we put on, is about 75,000, so it's roughly twice the size."

One possible issue facing the new community centre is where people will leave their vehicles when they are at the facility.

"We're looking at somewhere between 500 to 600 spaces on the site. However, I don't think that meets what the current site plan requirements are for a building of that size," Petricevic said.

"We're working with our consultants and our site plan review staff to find out what we can get to as far as an appropriate number."

He added that options being considered include a parking garage or, should the final number be close enough to what is required by the city's zoning bylaws, that a minor variance be sought.

Petricevic also said the city is looking at putting a solar panel array on the roof. The size of the array would depend on what funding is made available, and could be as large as two-thirds coverage of the building's roof, generating as much as 1,700 kilowatts.

"It sounds like, with an agreeable council, this will perhaps be one of the most forward-thinking and advanced buildings the city has," MacKinnon said.