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# Davisville Community & Aquatic Centre

Phase 3 Survey Summary Report

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# **Project Background**

The City is planning to build a new aquatic and multi-use community centre on the Davisville Junior Public and Spectrum Alternative Senior School site, near Yonge Street and Davisville Avenue. The Davisville Community & Aquatic Centre (CAC) will be a welcoming space where residents of all ages and abilities can come together and participate in a wide range of programming.

The new three-storey Davisville CAC will be accessible, and target net-zero energy building design. It is planned to include:

- A 25-metre lane pool
- A leisure/tot pool
- Two floors of community, multi-use space
- A small lobby
- WIFI access throughout
- Gender-neutral washrooms and change rooms
- A green roof or rooftop community access to be determined
- Storage and staff office space

The Davisville CAC will share facilities with the Davisville Junior Public and Spectrum Alternative Senior School next door. The City will have access to the school's double gymnasium and underground parking garage outside of school hours to support City recreation programming.

# **Survey Overview**

An online survey was hosted from October 27 to November 24. The survey presented and gathered feedback on the draft design for the new Community and Aquatic Centre. Paper copies of the online survey were available at Northern District Library and Deer Park Library.

Videos describing the draft design, including a 3D walkthrough accompanied the survey. The <u>video was available in English</u>, with automatic closed captioning available in a variety of languages.

The survey received 759 responses. This included feedback from 2,456 participants of various ages. The survey feedback collected will be used to refine the final design for the new Community and Aquatic Centre.

# Notification

The online survey was promoted through the following channels:

- Facebook and Instagram advertisements targeting area residents
- Postcards to residences within an approximate 1 km radius of the site
- Promotions through the local Councillor's Office
- Project webpage: www.toronto.ca/DavisvilleCAC
- On-site signage
- Emails to those who signed up for project e-updates.

# **Feedback Summary**

Most respondents (52%) were very satisfied with the proposed design. The proposed design is available in Appendix B.

Level of Satisfaction for the Design of the Davisville Community and Aquatic Centre



Approximately 293 survey respondents provided feedback or suggestions about the draft design. This is summarised below, organised by building area or theme. Full text responses are available in Appendix C.

#### Accessibility

- Some respondents suggested including two elevators in the new Centre. This
  would ensure accessibility and prevent high wait times for those with mobility
  challenges and/or those with small children and strollers. It would also ensure the
  building remained accessible in the case of one elevator breaking down
  (respondents referenced the long elevator repair times being experienced across
  the city).
- Additional suggestions to improve accessibility include:
  - Consulting experts to ensure the entire centre, including all equipment and design features (e.g. tables) are accessible.
  - Ensuring colour changes between floor surfaces are high-contrast for those with visual impairments.
  - Ensuring corridors are easily navigable for people using wheelchairs and other assistive devices.
  - Ensuring signage and lighting are accessible for people with intellectual disabilities (low sensory), hearing and visual impairments (e.g. include braille signage and directions).
  - Ensuring the rooftop track is wide enough for those using mobility devices.
  - Ensuring there are an adequate amount of accessible washrooms, showers and change stalls and consider adding more to keep pace with an aging population.
  - Including a space for breastfeeding that is separated from toilets.

- Include an accessible changing stall with a centre bench (rather than against the wall, for personal accessibility needs).
- Include fully accessible washrooms on all floors that include adult change tables, a mechanical lift, higher toilets and adequate turning radii.
- Provide enough space for people with assistive devices and wheelchairs to change in stalls and use washrooms stalls, beyond the two universal change stalls.
- Provide more dedicated accessible parking spots.

## **Energy Efficiency**

- A few respondents suggested:
  - Selecting materials that minimize the building's environmental footprint (e.g. recycled materials, reduced use of concrete, using materials that assist with carbon capture)
  - Improving energy efficiency by reduce heating and cooling needs using a thermal resistant building envelope, providing building shading, and minimizing the ratio of glazing o opaque materials.
  - Installing solar panels, wind turbines, and/or other alternative power sources to power the building and serve as a learning opportunity for the community.

#### Washrooms and Change Rooms

- Some respondents do not want all washrooms or change rooms provided to be gender neutral. Some suggested gendered washrooms while more suggested three washrooms be provided, two gendered and one non-gendered.
  - Some respondents explained that they would feel uncomfortable using a non-gendered washrooms, with some sharing safety concerns for women who are using the same washrooms facilities as men.
  - A couple of respondents are concerned people will not be able to wash themselves properly in a gender neutral shower area, as they will need to keep their swim suits on. A couple of respondents also noted that the showers may be used by people participating in non-swimming activities (e.g. taking a fitness class, using the outdoor track) who will not have a bathing suit. They suggested providing more private shower stalls.
  - A couple of respondents highlighted the need for floor to ceiling doors and walls between stalls in gender-neutral spaces to ensure privacy.
  - A respondent suggested that girls and women would be embarrassed to use gender-neutral facilities if their use of feminine hygiene products could be heard between stalls.
  - A respondent noted that gender neutral facilities with individual changing stalls are very common and well-used where they are from in the United Kingdom.
- A few respondents are concerned about capacity of change rooms, washrooms, and showers, and want to ensure there are enough to meet demand.
- A few respondent suggested:

- Cleaning the facilities often to ensure they are clean and free of bad odours.
- Providing more washroom facilities.
- Including flooring that easily drains to keep floors dry and safe.
- A respondent suggested:
  - Ensuring change room exit doors do not swing open into the corridor.
  - Ensuring stalls are large enough for families changing in the same stall.
  - Ensuring there is enough room for people to use hair dryers without blocking circulation pathways or overlapping with shower or change room lineups.
  - Including shelves in washroom stalls to place personal items while using the facilities (e.g. phone, keys, purse, etc.).
  - Including standing height diaper changing stations.
  - Providing a separate staff washroom.
  - Providing feminine hygiene products.
  - Providing larger doorways between the change and shower areas to enable easy and accessible circulation.
  - Providing senior-only facilities.
- A respondent noted that:
  - The washroom corridor is not visible from the pool deck or hallways (and should be for safety purposes).
  - Change rooms social time would be lost in a stalled change room layout.

#### Pool

- Some respondents suggested a larger pool (e.g. wider or longer lanes).
- Some respondents are concerned about privacy for swimmers, suggesting frosted glass and less visibility into the pool to avoid making some swimmers uncomfortable (rather than pool curtains which would block out natural light).
- A few respondents suggested:
  - Providing a salt water pool.
  - Including a moveable floor (to adjust pool depth for different program needs).
- A couple of respondents suggested:
  - Providing a deeper pool to accommodate the use of starting blocks (suggestion of 8 to 10 feet to accommodate safety concerns with the use of the starting blocks along with additional aquatic activities).
  - Including pool toys (e.g. water slide, Tarzan rope, and diving boards)
  - Creating a connection between the pool and the outdoors including large openable windows and outdoor space for people using the pool in warm weather.
- One responded each suggested:
  - Designing the ceiling wood planks to run parallel to the length of the pool to ensure proper orientation for swimmers performing backstrokes or other exercises.

- Including a dedicated space for water exercising (unprogrammed activity space).
- Including a drinking fountain on the deck.
- o Including a heated walking pool with guardrails for added safety.
- Including a sauna, hot tub, or steam room.
- Including a wave pool (or ability to add waves in the lap pool for learning swimming, kayaking, and canoeing).
- Including a whirl pool.
- Including an aquatic therapy pool.
- Including bulkheads for changing lengths.
- Including colour accents to make the space feel livelier.
- Including ledges in the pool walls for swimmers to rest their feet.
- Including partitions between swim lanes to support COVID social distancing protocols.
- Including sound absorbing features into the design of the pool area to minimize noise such as masonry blocks or acoustic ceiling panels and flooring.
- Removing starter blocks (suggesting that the pool is not built for competitive swimming and the blocks are an obstruction for noncompetitive swimmers).
- Precedence suggestions include the Toronto Pan Am Sports Centre (capacity and features), the North Toronto Memorial Community Centre (especially the water slide and other play features), and the Hillcrest Community Centre in Vancouver (features and layout).

# Pool Viewing Area (Second Floor)

- A few respondents would like the pool viewing area on the second floor to be larger. A couple would like the addition of stands for spectators (e.g. during swim meets and classes).
- A respondent suggested:
  - Including angled glass to improve visibility into the pool from the second floor.
  - Including more table and chair seating.
  - Replacing the viewing area with programmable space (e.g. fitness room). This respondent suggested there was adequate viewing space on the main floor.

## **Dance Studio**

- A respondent suggested:
  - Ensuring the walls are mirrored.
  - Including multiple dance studios.
  - Allowing this space to be used for martial arts and meetings (multipurpose).

## Multi-Purpose Rooms

- A few respondents suggested a multi-purpose space be replaced with a weight room/exercise room with weights and workout machines.
  - Specifically, a few respondents suggested replacing one of the multipurpose spaces on the third floor facing the rooftop with a workout space with weight and cardio machines, and free weights. This could be more beneficial than an outdoor fitness area that cannot be used during inclement weather.
- A couple of respondents suggested:
  - Including more multi-purpose rooms or making the rooms larger.
  - Using a multi-purpose room that can accommodate pickleball.
- One respondent suggested:
  - Converting the multi-purpose rooms to dance studios.
  - Ensuring the rooms are acoustically separated from adjacent mechanical rooms.
  - Including a stage (can be portable).
  - Including sinks for wet arts and crafts (e.g. painting, printing, pottery).
  - Including storage for coats and other personal items of those participating in programming.
  - Including tech for meetings in each room (e.g. projection equipment and screen, whiteboards, Wi-Fi, etc.).
  - Not including multi-purpose rooms.

## Rooftop

- Some respondents suggested:
  - Providing shade structures on the rooftop (especially over activity areas) that can also provide protection from rain/snow to allow for rooftop use in inclement weather. This is not accomplished with the proposed pergola, which does not shade the activity space and does not provide shelter from the elements.
  - Including a larger track to allow for running.
  - Ensuring the active roof is accessible, maintained, and heated to allow for all season use, or enclosing this area to provide a full third floor for yearround use.
  - Including rooftop gardens (e.g. vegetable gardens, pollinator gardens, native species gardens, teaching gardens), with one respondent suggesting plant be labelled for educational purposes.
- A few respondents suggested:
  - Including rooftop beekeeping spaces.
  - Including a café/vending machines/place to purchase food with adjacent seating. This would provide a space for people to spend time, especially when waiting for family members to finish their programming.
- A couple of respondents suggested:
  - Including a casual, unprogrammed area with more seating and tables.
  - Including a basketball court or nets.

- Including pickleball courts.
- Including a games tables (e.g. ping pong).
- Allowing access to the fourth floor roof.
- Including an indoor track to give older adults a space to walk year-round.
- A respondent suggested:
  - Including a cover for the roof in winter months to protect against the elements.
  - Including a greenspace for soccer, frisbee and other team sports.
  - Including a lawn bowling green.
  - Including a putting green.
  - Including a seed collective.
  - Including parallel bars (for gymnastics).
  - Including rooftop trees.
  - Rainwater harvesting.
- A respondent is concerned about noise from the rooftop impacting nearby neighbours.

#### Basement

- A couple of respondents suggested strict security protocols to ensure no daytime access into the school.
- One respondent suggested:
  - Not including a basement to reduce carbon emissions.
  - Backup features (or an alternate accessible exit) in case of an elevator breakdown.

#### **Façade and Materials**

- A few respondents suggested:
  - Using more colour throughout the designs, including indoors.
  - Using materials and colours that will not be easily scuffed, discoloured, or worn.
  - Designing a less modern/industrial feel to the façade.
- A couple of respondents suggested more privacy be provided between the street and the pool area (e.g. by frosting the louvres/glass).
- A respondent suggested:
  - Providing more shade from the afternoon sun through the materiality of the louvres.
  - Including more prominent signage on the front of the building.
  - $\circ$   $\;$  Including lighting to feature the new building and signage.

#### Streetscape

- A respondent suggested:
  - Including a recycling drop-off/bottle return.
  - Including greenery along the building façade.
  - Including high-capacity bike racks in a location that does not cause conflict between cyclists, road users, and pedestrians.
  - Including native plantings.

- Providing lighting to improve safety around the building.
- Providing more outdoor shelter.
- Providing space for a Farmer's Market.

#### Other

- Some respondents requested gymnasium space for activities like basketball, badminton, and pickleball in the new aquatic centre. A gymnasium space is provided in the public school next door to the new aquatic facility. Through a partnership with the Toronto District School Board (TDSB), the school will have access to the aquatic facility's swimming pools and the City will have access to the school's double gymnasium and underground parking garage outside of school hours to support City recreation programming.
  - A respondent suggested including various gymnastics equipment in the gymnasium space.
- A few respondents emphasized:
  - The need to ensure excellent ventilation and air flow to prevent germ/disease spread.
  - The need for a high standard of cleanliness and maintenance of the facility, and adequate funding for this for the life of the Centre.
- A few respondents suggested:
  - Including more secure bicycle parking (e.g. bike lockers, underground bike parking).
  - Including artwork and gallery space be provided throughout the building.
  - Including more vehicle parking, with one respondent specifying a need for scooter and motorcycle parking.
  - Including an indoor café/area to get food and drink with adjacent seating area.
- A respondent suggested:
  - Building a larger facility overall.
  - Ensuring the north/south walkway between Davisville and Millwood is welllit to improve safety.
  - Including a bike lane on Davisville (note: this is outside the scope of this project).
  - Including a cold water therapy area (e.g. for athletic training).
  - Including a darkroom.
  - Including a drinking fountain in the lobby.
  - Including a second entrance off of Millwood.
  - Including a Snoezelen mutli-sensory room.
  - Including a squash court.
  - Including a welcoming, open area for gathering, where people can sit and chat with friend in an unprogrammed space.
  - o Including an auditorium or community meeting space.
  - Including art and seating along the long corridor on the main floor.
  - o Including bidets (as add-one to standard toilets).
  - Including indoor plantings.

- Including studio space.
- Making the staircase climbable for exercise.
- Making the staircase more prominent and larger.
- Providing more information on local parking options.
- A respondent suggested this neighbourhood does not need this facility.

#### **Programming Suggestions**

- Programming suggestions include:
  - A variety of dance classes including social dancing.
  - Aquatic activities for seniors (e.g. low impact aquatics shallow end).
  - o Barre classes.
  - Free diving.
  - o "Mama-mia" pool classes (currently offered at the Mel Lastman pool).
  - Senior's programming.
  - Snorkeling.
  - Social events for those with neuro-diversities (e.g. dyslexia, ADHD).
  - Women-only swim times.
  - Youth swim programming including daytime programs for students.
- A respondent noted it will be important to allow people without internet access opportunities to register for programming at the new Centre.

# **Appendix A: Quantitative Response Summary**

Respondents



Overall, how satisfied are you with the draft design for the Davisville Community and Aquatic Centre?

	Count	% of responses	%
I am very satisfied with the draft design	389		52%
I am somewhat satisfied with the draft design	218		29%
I am neutral about the design	51	•	7%
I am somewhat unsatisfied	42		6%
I am unsatisfied with the draft design	45		6%
I am not sure	10	I	1%
			N 755

Do you have feedback or suggestions on how to improve the draft design to ensure the new Centre is welcoming for all members of the community?

	Count	% of responses	%
Yes I have feedback/suggestions	293		39%
No, I do not have feedback/suggestions at this time	462		61%
			N 755

Select the elements of the design you have feedback/suggestions on (select all that apply).

	Count	% of responses	%
The pool change rooms	126		45%
The washrooms (throughout the building)	66		24%
Other, please specify	63		23%
The pools	55		20%
The active roof	47		17%
The multi-purpose rooms	23		8%
Accessibility	15		5%
Building materials	12	8.	4%
The pool viewing area	11	8.	4%
The streetscape in front of the Centre (on Davisville Ave)	10	1. Sec. 1. Sec	4%
The building façade	10	1 - C	4%
The dance studio	9	1	3%
The lobby	7	1	3%
The basement/ connection to the school underground parking lot	5	1	2%
The teaching kitchen	2		1%
			N 279

#### **Demographics**



How many people of each age group participated in this survey?

Total responses per age group include:

- 151 respondents age 0 to 4 years old
- 186 respondents age 5 to 12 years old
- 117 respondents age 13 to 18 years old
- 227 respondents age 19 to 29 years old
- 495 respondents age 30 to 39 years old
- 684 respondents age 40 to 55 years old

N 677

- 274 respondents age 56 to 64 years old
- 227 respondents age 65 to 74 years old
- 95 respondents age 75 years old or above

Gender identity is the gender that people identify with or how they perceive themselves, which may be different from their birth-assigned sex. What best describes your gender?

	Count	% of responses	%
Woman	464		69%
Man	205		30%
Prefer not to answer	31	1	5%
Gender non-binary (including gender fluid, genderqueer, androgynous)	5	1	1%
Two-Spirit	5	1	1%
Not listed, please describe	5	1	1%
Trans woman	2		0%
Trans man	2		0%
			N 674

# Sexual orientation describes a person's emotional, physical, romantic, and/or sexual attraction to other people.What best describes your sexual orientation?

	Count	% of responses	%
Heterosexual or straight	530		79%
Prefer not to answer	73	-	11%
Bisexual	27	<ul> <li>•</li> </ul>	4%
Gay	20	1.	3%
Not listed, please describe	14	I	2%
Queer	8	1 - Contraction of the Contracti	1%
Lesbian	7	I	1%
Two-Spirit	3	I	0%
Don't know	1	I	0%
			N 671

People often describe themselves by their race or racial background. For example, some people consider themselves "Black", "White" or "East Asian". Which race category best describes you? Select all that apply.

	Count	% of responses	%
White (e.g. English, Greek, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, Slovakian)	453		67%
Prefer not to answer	69		10%
East Asian (e.g. Chinese, Japanese, Korean)	39	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	6%
Latin American (e.g. Brazilian, Colombian, Cuban, Mexican, Peruvian)	33	1	5%
Other, please describe	26	1	4%
South Asian or Indo-Caribbean (e.g. Indian, Indo- Guyanese, Indo-Trinidadian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan)	23	1	3%
More than one race category or mixed race	23	1	3%
Arab, Middle Eastern or West Asian (e.g. Afghan, Armenian, Iranian, Lebanese, Persian, Turkish)	19	1	3%
Black (e.g. African, African-Canadian, Afro-Caribbean)	15	T	2%
First Nations (status, non-status, treaty or non-treaty), Inuit or Métis	9	T	1%
Southeast Asian (e.g. Filipino, Malaysian, Singaporean, Thai, Vietnamese)	7		1%
			N 673

#### What language do you prefer speaking?

	Count	% of responses	%
English	621		95%
Spanish	6	I	1%
French	4	T	1%
Not listed, please describe	4	I	1%
Prefer not to answer	3		0%
Chinese - Cantonese	2		0%
Serbian	2		0%
Albanian	1		0%
American Sign Language	1		0%
Chinese - Mandarin	1		0%
Hindi	1		0%
Indigenous - Other	1		0%
Polish	1		0%
Portuguese	1		0%
Romanian	1		0%
Turkish	1	I	0%

Indigenous people from Canada identify as First Nations (status, non-status, treaty or non-treaty), Inuit, Métis, Aboriginal, Native or Indian.Do you identify as Indigenous to Canada?



N 669

Disability is understood as any physical, mental, developmental, cognitive, learning, communication, sight, hearing or functional limitation that, in interaction with a barrier, hinders a person's full and equal participation in society. A disability can be permanent, temporary or episodic, and visible or invisible.Does anyone participating in this survey identify as a person with a disability?



N 670

#### What best describes your current housing situation?

	Count	% of responses	%
Home owner	375		55%
Renting	255		38%
$\label{eq:permanently} \text{Permanently living with parent(s) or other family member(s)}$	6	1	1%
Temporarily staying with others (no fixed address)	1		0%
Unhoused (staying outside, in a shelter, in a 24-hour respite)	0		
Prefer not to answer	35		5%
Not listed, please describe	4		1%
			N 676

## What best describes you and your household's access to outdoor space?

	Count	% of responses	%
I have access to private outdoor space like a yard	281		42%
I have access to semi-private/shared outdoor space	132		20%
I only have access to public spaces like parks (I do not have access to private or semi-private outdoor space)	225		34%
Prefer not to answer	30	1	4%
			N 668

# **Appendix B: Site Overview and Design**

#### **Location and Cross-Section**

The Davisville Community & Aquatic Centre (CAC) will be a welcoming space where residents of all ages and abilities can come together and participate in a wide range of programming. It is planned to include:

- A 6-lane, 25-metre lane pool
- A leisure/tot pool
- Community, multi-use space
- An active roof
- WIFI access throughout
- Gender-neutral washrooms and change rooms

#### **Guiding Design Principles**

Four design principles were confirmed through the first phase of community consultation. These are guiding the design of the new Davisville Community and Aquatic Centre. The design principles are:

- Prioritize accessibility and ease of facility access.
- Address inclusive, multi-generational needs in a flexible layout.
- Create a highly visible community centre that welcomes community use.
- Integrate sustainable low emissions design.



#### Location

The new City facility is located on the Davisville Junior P.S & Spectrum Alternative Senior School site (east of Yonge and Davisville) and will share space with the new school. The school will have access to the City swimming pools and the City will have access to the school's double gymnasium and underground parking garage.



The main entrance to the new centre will be off of Davisville Avenue (grey arrow). There will be a walkway from Davisville Avenue to Millwood Road on the west side of the centre, and a walkway between the pool and the school next door, connecting the aquatic centre to the school gymnasium. The school playground is located behind the new Centre, separated by a fence and row of trees.

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#### **Cross-Section of the New Centre**

The new Davisville Community and Aquatic Centre will be three stories with an active roof. Its green roof design is inspired by the nearby ravine systems.



Front of the New Centre (view looking north)

The new Davisville Community and Aquatic Centre will face Davisville Avenue and be three stories tall. It will have a sign on its side facing Yonge Street. The entrance to the Centre is on the south side, near the eastern corner. The front of the building will have a glazed façade with colorful louvres, with the pool, feature stair, and lobby having direct views to Davisville Avenue. There will be a building overhang that will allow people to sit in front of the building in an outdoor area, with some shelter from the elements. There will be plantings and a bike rack in front of the building on Davisville Ave. There will be a rooftop pergola structure and plantings on the south end of the active roof.

#### Back of the New Centre (view looking south)



The back of the new Centre will include a 2 story glazed façade into the pool space with a fence on the first floor to block direct views between the pool and playground. The grey structure on the third story contains mechanical equipment, next to the accessible active roof.

#### Material



Materials Listed in the image above (Starting top left and moving clockwise) include:

- Penthouse cladding (around mechanical rooftop structures) that are charcoal coloured vertical panels
- Concrete pavers on the active roof
- A green roof on top of the indoor third floor spaces (not accessible to the public)
- Vertical louvres of green/blue frosted glass on the front façade of the building
- Planting beds
- A clear, aluminum finish trellis on the south side of the active roof
- Quartzite stone cladding on the ground floor façade
- Off-white fibre cement panels on the upper floors of the façade
- Rubber flooring for the rooftop walking track

#### Basement



Public features of the basement include:

- A corridor link to school underground parking garage
- Basement lobby
- Elevator
- Stairs

The rest of the basement is service space, which is not accessible to the public.

#### **Ground Floor**



Features of the ground floor include:

- 6-lane, 25 meter lane pool •
- A leisure/tot pool •
- Reception Area •
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- A small lobby with bench seating Gender-neutral washrooms and change rooms •
- Storage and staff office space •
- WIFI access throughout •

#### **Pool Change Rooms and Washrooms**



Features of the change rooms include:

- 2 family change rooms (gender neutral)
  - Private washroom stalls (WR)
  - Private change cubbies (CR)
  - Two large, fully accessible Universal Change Rooms with adult change table
  - $\circ$  Lockers
  - Open showers (leading to pool)
    - Include an accessible shower with seat
  - Open grooming counters and sinks
  - Hair dryers
- Transparent glass between the hallways of the change room, pool deck, and Centre hallway.
  - People are always clothed in the change room hallways (changing only in private stalls).
  - The glass walls between the pool/change room hallways/ larger Centre hallways improve safety, as there will be no private or hidden areas.

Examples of similar change room formats in other City of Toronto Facilities include Wellesley Community Aquatic Centre, Pam McConnell Aquatic Centre (both shown below) and Canoe Landing Recreation Centre.



WELLESLEY COMMUNITY AQUATIC CENTRE



PAM MCCONNELL AQUATIC CENTRE



**Pool Rendering** 

This is a rendering of the pool area, facing north. The lap pool is in the front of the image with the leisure/tot pool in the background. Starting blocks and lane ropes are shown in the lap pool. The leisure/tot pool will include some water play features that are not currently shown. The ceiling will be wood. There will be windows on the north and south wall of the pool as well as skylights to the roof, with selected translucent glazing to reduce glare. There will be glass between the pool and change rooms and the pool and the second floor. There will be blinds that can cover glass/windows to ensure privacy during women's-only, inclusive, or other required programming times.

#### **Materials**



Materials Listed in the image above (Starting top right and moving clockwise) include:

- Change Rooms
  - Flooring in medium grey tile
  - Wall tile in light grey porcelain
  - Ceiling in water-resistant gypsum board
- Lobby
  - Flooring in medium grey tile
  - Walls in painted ashlar concrete block
  - Ceiling in wood planks, medium brown
- Natatorium (Pools)
  - Pool deck in medium grey tile
  - West wall in medium grey tile
  - ceiling in wood planks
  - o East wall in light grey porcelain tile

**Second Floor** 



Features of the second floor include:

- Community, multi-purpose rooms (e.g. for exercise classes, dance classes, martial arts, painting, music, meetings, and more)
  - The dotted lines between these rooms are moveable walls.
- Dance Studio (with mirrors, ballet bar, and audio-visual equipment).
- Teaching Kitchen.

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- Meeting Room (for staff use or for public permitting).
- Two pool viewing areas with chairs and accessible seating.
- Gender-neutral washrooms.
- Storage & staff office space.
- Elevator and staircases.
- WIFI access throughout.



Materials Listed in the image above (Starting top right and moving clockwise) include:

- Dance Studio
  - Wood sports flooring (sprung wood)
  - Walls in white painted ashlar concrete block
  - Acoustic ceiling tiles
- Lobby and Viewing Areas
  - Flooring in medium grey tile
  - Walls in painted ashlar concrete block
  - Ceiling in medium brown wood planks
- Multi-Purpose Rooms
  - Flooring in medium grey sheet flooring
  - Walls in white painted ashlar concrete block
  - Acoustic ceiling tiles

#### **Roof/Third Floor**





The roof / third floor provides three-season outdoor space. Features of the roof / third floor include:

- Three indoor multi-purpose room (with storage in each room and, and sinks in 2 rooms).
- Gender-neutral washrooms

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- One fully accessible washroom labeled "BF WR"
- Upper lobby with bench seating and connection to main staircase and elevator
  - An active roof with green space.
    - 90m walking track.
    - Exercise area with outdoor exercise equipment.
    - o Multi-purpose lawn with space for a portable movie projector.
    - Multi-purpose program area
      - Hard surface space/ seating area
      - Includes moveable tables & chairs.

- Low bar table with seating (along the south end of the roof).
- BBQ and sink area (in the south-west corner of the roof).
- o Drinking fountain and bottle filling station by the exercise equipment.
- Clerestory (skylight to floors below).
- A pergola will cover the south end of the active roof, over the multi-purpose hard surface space/ seating area.
- Storage, Mechanical & Service space.

#### **Materials**



Materials Listed in the image above (Starting top right and moving clockwise) include:

- Multi-Purpose Rooms
  - Flooring in medium grey sheet flooring
  - Walls in white painted ashlar concrete block
  - Acoustic ceiling tiles
- Lobby
  - Flooring in medium grey tile
  - Walls in painted ashlar concrete block
  - Ceiling in medium brown wood planks
- Multi-Purpose Rooms
  - Flooring in medium grey sheet flooring
  - Walls in white painted ashlar concrete block
  - Acoustic ceiling tiles

# **Appendix C: Text Responses**

# Select the elements of the design you have feedback/suggestions on (select all that apply).

#### Respondents who selected Other, please specify.

- bike and stairs
- colour
- Bike racks should be bike lockers. To protect bikes from bike crime
- It would be great if we had a gym
- IPAC and ventilation
- access to outdoors in summer where one can lounge and dry off in sun
- Connection to city
- I am concerned about school students accessing the pool, perhaps there should be separation between the school and general public.
- The community centre would benefit from a sauna and steam room.
- The proposed new development west of the center
- I am very happy there will be a walking/running track, and know it is too late in the game to reconsider it's location, but to me, to have such a feature likely be unusable for the long winter months and whenever the weather is poor is a significant drawback. An indoor place to walk especially for older members of the community would have been wonderful. But still, I am very thankful for the new community centre!
- I can't see walking path width, but it should be wide enough to be a running path
- Scale
- Is there a reason why adding a functional gym was out of scope?
- The BF WR. Is this for breastfeeding? If yes, why would a private space for breast feeding be in a toilet room? A breastfeeding space should not include a toilet, no one wants to eat in a toilet.
- Pool accessories
- I would like to see squash courts.
- Green roof
- Who can use this facility? Is 'membership' required? Can swim lanes be 'booked' in advance?
- It will be awesome if you do a Snoezelen room for special kids that they can stay calm and enjoy the complex that is near an Autism school.
- Circulation
- Why no outside weights and exercise equipment ?
- Enough bicycle parking, outdoors and indoors
- The entire building
- The staircase at the front ..
- Other parking options nearby
- Solar panels would be good for future proofing
- Bike racks for parking bicycles, plus motorcycle and scooter parking armi.
- Ensure there is ample parking for users. Potentially place a sun canvass on the roof for shade during the summer, especially for seniors who will wish to use the track.
- I would like as much attention given to using best practices in sustainability, ensuring that the products we use are not wasteful, that we design the building to use summer and winter light sources to save energy. Any new building should be made from materials that have the smallest footprint.

- Regarding sustainability what enhanced construction and design strategies will be implanted to help reduce the carbon footprint of the building.
- Surely midtown Toronto doesn't need this. A few blocks North is an excellent pool and community centre. Is there not another neighbourhood that could use these great facilities?
- Lack of native plant site landscaping
- Would be nice if this family or the school facility had hard court area for pickle ball court
- Community space
- You've closed tons of pools in the city. How are you going to fund maintenance and upkeep in perpetuity?
- Safety in indoor spaces
- So much use of grey sounds depressing.
- Pls ensure lots of secure bike lockup
- will there be aquatic activities for seniors (e.g. low impact aquatics shallow end)
- Any way to squeeze in an indoor fitness area (with a few machines, weights, etc.)?
- It would be nice to have some greenery in the indoor spaces
- Gender Neutral washrooms
- Yonge street facade
- A community centre should have a welcoming, open area for gathering. This is missing completely from the design. The multipurpose rooms are not suitable for this. The overall design is of a place where a person would only go for a specific purpose and then leave. With the exception of a small section of the outdoor space on the roof which is not usable most of the year, there is no space to just sit and talk with friends. This is not a true community centre at all. It is just an activity centre.
- Any possibility to add room for badminton court, perhaps flexibility to change combine multi purpose room/dance studio on certain time periods for badminton use
- There should be a gender neutral, womens only and mens only change rooms. Disagree with the glass walls people can see through even if it is mandatory to change in a stall, people won't. For safety purposes, there needs to be some adjustment to this design.
- To be inclusive, the city must include 3 change rooms- Male, Female and non-gender specific. I will not use the pool, and will not bring my children here if it's one shared change facility. This makes both men and women uncomfortable.
- Parking
- Showers before entering pools are ineffective at cleaning people's burns. I would love to see bidets installed. They are now available as inexpensive toilet seats with a hose atttached. Bidets or toilet seat hoses are very common in Europe and India.
- Heating, cooling, airflow
- It would be amazing if there was a steam room.
- There should be Pickleball incorporated!
- Maintenance/cleanliness
- cafe
- I wish there were areas for gymnastics equipment, of different types of equipment. Would be great if there were in the pools wave makers for learning swimming, kayaking and canoeing.
- Walkway
- colour of tiles and walls -- very sterile in colour and how quickly it may become discoloured through use
- Space for Pickleball
- there is no room for sports/activities
- You have incorrectly labelled the North and South faces of the Centre in your introductory material.

- The west walkway and bike racks
- Public gym

#### Please provide your feedback/suggestions on the design elements below: The pools

- 1. Are there going to be privacy curtains along Davisville into pool? (interior automated curtains are noted for programming).2. The pool is noted to have tile floor has epoxy floor been evaluated as an alternative and is slip resistance considered? 3. Will there be acoustic finishes in the pool to minimize noise (either acoustic masonry blocks or acoustic ceiling panels)
- Wish they were wider or please allow bookings in 30 minute increments to improve availability
- Is 50m (Olympic) not an option?
- NA
- Could the pool area fill one floor of space and allow the 2nd floor to be larger square footage for multipurpose rooms.
- Pursuing the possibility of a salt water pool. I was under the impression that while they are more expensive to install, they are cheaper to maintain. Plus they are so much healthier for us.
- Wave makers for swimming, kayaking & canoeing. Classes on free diving and snorkeling as well as the usual classes.
- I would like to suggest a water slide. Thank you.
- The windows near the pools should be designed as sliding doors to let in fresh air in the summer so that there is no strong chemical smell & to help bring a feeling of being outdoors. Also people should be able to go outside directly from the pool area.
- Would like to have a shelf built into the pool's wall in the deep end where you can rest your foot. Like at Pan Am Pool.
- It would be great if there could be partitions between swim lanes in the event of another virus, people could still swim safely.
- should be bigger if possible
- The pools are designed for either athletes who want to do hardcore laps or people who just want to wade. What about the vast majority of people who are average swimmers and want to swim?
- There should be a hot tub element. Hot tubs are only in certain buildings restricting them from the general public. A hot tub would not only be a nice addition, it would also be therapeutic,
- Seems like a paltry number of lanes/total pool size. This pool will be serving a large catchment area. Add lanes!
- More indoor and an outdoor pool
- Ladies swim availability
- No certain about the pool depth but want to ensure that it is deep enough to use the starting blocks.
- For an area so dense, a 6 lane pool does not seem sufficient. It would be great if the pool could have at least 8 lanes to allow for mixed use lane swimming and lessons. With only 6 lanes, you are very limited.
- I'm unclear if there will be a ramp to enter the "lane" pool, rather than only ladder or stair access.
- Saltwater pool
- This is a place for playing and need some colour accents to make space more alive.
- Please have lots of available times for lane swim please please

- It is imperative in the design of the pool area that the ceiling wood planks run parallel to the pool length to ensure proper orientation for those swimmers doing backstroke.
- Why no slide or fun activities for bigger kids? So much space for the smaller tot pool. Pool could be larger with these items.
- Watched the presentation, and would the depth to be 8-10 ft so that way it is safe to use the starting blocks and for other neighborhood water sports activities
- I don't want my teenage daughter showering or being watched by men in the showers.
- Consider smoked glass instead of automated blinds
- The lane to the wast of the pools is a public place and will have an important walkway and landscape. Please provide more glazing along this edge for safety and interest.
- The public pools in B.C. have movable bulkheads for changing lengths, and moveable floors to raise and lower the depth to accommodate a large variety of programs. There is also is a circular walking pool, heated like a hot tub, where patrons walk against the current, holding the guardrails. This is perfect for arthritic seniors and those requiring aqua therapy.
- A six lane pool is a missed opportunity to offer a pool that can call be used for competition, which requires an 8-lane pool with starting blocks at one end.
- Is the demand really that high for a pool?
- Toronto completely lacks 50 metre pools. Look at what Vancouver BC did with the Hillcrest Community Centre. The current design is terrible and obviously designed by someone who doesn't do sports specifically swimming and sees how overly crowded the pools are in the community.
- You have the space to make a world class pool, 50 meters with a floor that raises and lowers so you can have a tot pool. The north Toronto community centre has a 6 lane pool that you can barely exercise in! 4 lanes are used for people floating and 2 lanes for people swimming 3min/100m to faster than 1.20/100m. It is so frustrating to swim on Canada, we cater to slow rather than giving any times to athletes who want to get faster. Make the space and do it properly and people will pay to come! Look at PanAm centre. Why can't we have that in our community so I don't have to drive for 45 minutes to get it?
- Too small, why not a proper 50m pool?
- Please consider adding a therapy pool (90 degrees +) for those of us with medical issues.
- Kids at Davisville PS were promised swimming lessons while off-site at VRA they were repeatedly cancelled due to instructor shortage. \*Please\* ensure that the school gets to benefit from this new centre with consistent, accessible group lessons.
- Will the pools be salt water?
- There should be space in the pool lanes for people who don't swim laps but do water exercises (with water weights, pool noodles and buoyancy belts). Not in an aqua fit class but on their own. I have been a member of quite a few YMCA's in the city and I find that there are numerous amount of people that do water exercises now and not just continuous pool laps.
- including a water slide like north toronto would be fantastic for leisure swims
- It seems small with only 6 lanes.
- Can we lead sustainability by having salt-water versus chlorine?
- This very densely packed community is scheduled to have another 6 massive rental towers built within 500meters of this facility. Each of those contain 400-500 suites. There are also another 5 or 6 condo towers scheduled to be built within 1Km of this tiny community center.
- The size of the pool for this neighborhood is completely inadequate. There is insufficient space for it to come close to meeting demand will not be able to run enough lessons, club programs or competitive programs. We need a facility like pan am in Toronto (not

just Markham and Scarborough) and this would have been an opportunity to build a real facility with enough size and capacity to support more of the community needs. This is extremely disappointing that we are going to be investing so much into something that will be undersized before it even starts. Get this to a 50m pool with 10 lanes (that can then be divided into two 25m pools). Use the floor that raises and sinks like they have at pan am so you can adjust for kids classes. Having these two distinct pools instead of one that can be adjusted is wasting an opportunity.

- Toronto pools don't have diving boards. I have to go to Vaughan to dive. They have at least three fantastic pools with diving boards.
- Will there be ramped access to the pool? Referred by many people.
- The pool drawing shows a series of starter blocks for competitive swimming and yet this is a community pool that does not need this design. The starting blocks are a visual 'obstruction' and, and physically, swimmers cannot grab/touch the edge to pause...I just swam lengths in a pool with this design yesterday and it is not suited to the vast majority of lane swimmers.
- A 50 metre would be so so nice.
- Would like to have seen a whirlpool area like the pool at Regent Park
- Make the pools salt water instead of cleaning using chloride

#### The pool change rooms

- It is not clear if doors labelled as 'exit doors' will be used solely as an exit during fire or on regular basis. If for later purpose, the doors swing into corridor traffic. 2. During the virtual presentation as well as part of this submission, there is a note stating that change rooms are fully visible (from pool and from lobby corridor) for safety purposes. However, the washroom corridor in the pool change room is in fact only visible if someone is to step inside the main change room area it is not visible from either pool or hall corridor.
- I am concerned with the glass walls and expectation that people will have to change only in the stalls, this is not the case in other pools, it is never enough room to change in the stalls and I would strongly recommend changing the design to have solid walls so that people attending the pool feel comfortable changing in the change room if the stalls are all taken.
- still very unhappy about the lack of privacy in the shower area.
- Please stop making open area showers. Some of us come for a morning swim and then want to go straight to work. An open shower doesn't make it possible to fully clean off the chlorine etc.
- The doors between the pool and change rooms should allow for a larger volume of foot traffic, the space devoted to showers seems small in comparison to the change room stalls. There are usually lines to use the showers, especially in female change rooms, and this should be considered with the passage of people into and out of the pool as one set of classes ends and another begins. The transparent glass will also attract parents to use that space as a viewing area after dropping off their children. That same hall is also designed to be used for hair drying and is the natural location for any shower line up.
- I am concerned that women will be at risk of being sexually assaulted in change rooms shared with men. I feel women's rights are not being considered. I understand that some people choose to be gender neutral and perhaps are comfortable in the presence of men, but I feel vulnerable in this situation.
- I am not at all comfortable with gender neutral change rooms!
- M and f
- There NEEDS to be a seperate mens room, a separate womens room and a separate family room. You canNOT have men and women in the same change rooms. [redacted line]
- Already provided. Must have 3 rooms, please. Male, Female and non gender specific.

- I'm not comfortable with gender neutral. I would rather have m and f and use the one you identify with. I will not be comfortable changing with men in their
- [redacted line] Safety hazard. I will never step foot in a change room where men are present. I agree with a separate gender neutral change room but that should not be the only choice. Totally unacceptable.
- Please ensure there are single sex change rooms as well as gender neutral
- My family has concerns about the gender neutral change rooms. Is there any way to have 3 change rooms? Make, female, and gender neutral? That way if a young girl is by herself, she can choose which change room makes her feel the most comfortable. I get having inclusive change rooms, but if gender neutral is your only option, you will make a LOT of people feel uncomfortable. Have 3 would be a better option.
- No glass walls, safe space for all (womens, men's, gender neutral)
- You should have men's. Ladies and gender neutral. some people are uncomfortable changing together
- I do not think all gender change rooms are hygienic. No one can wash themselves properly. By all means, include an all gender change room for anyone who wishes to use it but please also include a mens and womens changeroom.
- Part of being inclusive is making sure EVERYBODY is comfortable. And many people aren't comfortable changing their clothes with members of the opposite sex. To properly be inclusive there you be a women's change room, men's change room AND gender neutral changeroom. You don't just make one changeroom where everybody can see each other and the showers are communal and the booth doors behind with people are naked are not even full height.
- There are no women's only change rooms. [redacted line]
- There should be male, female, and unisex change rooms.
- I am from the UK and many family pools have this changing facility. I have heard complaints about it in the community but this is very common in the Uk and I see no problem with it assuming there are individual changing stalls
- Very alarmed that there are no change rooms for women only!
- It is unacceptable that women must change alongside men. It is a safety issue that creates a threatening environment for women.
- Please have a women, mens and universal change room. Feel so unsafe to use universal.
- Have men and women separate, along with option for gender neutral. It is a safety issue.
- The change rooms and accessibility is a concern as I am not in a wheel chair but have a permanent disability the requires room for me to change and a stalled made for a wheel chair isn't an accommodation that will work with me I need the change room with a centre bench like they have at The Leaside pool and gender neutral bench isn't cool with me as I get enough looks after my surgeries.
- Do I read this correctly that there will be two family changing rooms? That's it? Where does a person change who is on their own? Is it all gender neutral or will there be a Women's only change room and a mega only change room as well?
- Not really clear why dedicated mens and womens change rooms are not being built in addition to the gender neutral change rooms. Seems like individuals should be able to access the change room of their choosing rather than this one size fits all approach.
- Please allow option for families with children who are not feeling safe using universal change rooms.
- Gender neutral is not a comfortable environment for changing. You are not fully dressed when grooming.
- There should be an option for gender specific change rooms
- Please offer separate male and female chamgerooms, in addition to gender neutral. Sadly, more men sexually assault women. *[redacted line]* It shouldn't be this way, but it is. I hope you'll strongly consider this.
- There should be a safe place for women and children to change
- Please have change rooms for men and women. No gender neutral.
- Still very unhappy about the lack of privacy in the shower area.
- I am appalled at the gender neutral washrooms and change rooms. In no way is this safe for women, children and families. I am a senior woman and will never use a facility that only has gender neutral washrooms and change rooms. This is a complete violation of my rights as a woman to have a safe space. [redacted line]
- There should be male/female change room
- Separate change room for male and female
- Providing only gender neutral washrooms makes me, as a woman, very uncomfortable. I find it disappointing that your believe that this is what the majority of Torontonians really want. This decision is pandering to a minority of activists, whose feelings and demands you have elevated above everyone else's. This is not just about safety, but also modesty. My teenagers would feel as uneasy about using these gender neutral spaces as I would. I support gender neutral spaces and also family change rooms. Instead of excluding single space change rooms, why could you not have included all variations? Your decision has excluded me from using this facility.
- See Washrooms below
- Separate private men women
- Need to have option for gender specific and gender neutral
- Should not be gender neutral very terrible idea and a problem waiting to happen. should have womens, mens and then gender neutral
- Uncomfortable with gender neutral change rooms and don't feel safe.. should have separate male and female change areas and can add third for gender neutral or anyone
- As a mother of three young daughters, I would feel completely uncomfortable to bring them to a change room or washroom that men will be in. There MUST be women's change rooms and men's change rooms, along with the gender-neutral changerooms!!! If the centre offers women's only swimming programs (which is listed in your description of the use for curtailing), how could those same women coming to the class feel comfortable changing with men right outside the door?
- There should be a female, and a male and a neutral change room
- NO to gender neutral change rooms. Please have separate areas for men, women and a universal option. Gender neutral change rooms are NOT safe for women.
- Will prefer having separate men & women changerooms and showers, plus a family one. I really prefer showering well undressed, clean my privates, and dress up for work after swimming.
- As a female senior, I am appalled at the idea of changing in the same room as an older man may have just used. *[redacted line]* This is about health and cleanliness not gender. I had hoped to use this centre but probably won't given the layout of change rooms and washrooms. Or maybe seniors are not really your target market.
- Women need [redacted line] women only spaces for safety.
- I am a mother of 3 kids. I am not at all comfortable with having men in a washroom or change room with me or my three daughters.
- Gender neutral can be dangerous if predators come through. With so many families expected, they should have a choice on where they feel comfortable going.
- As a survivor of sexual violence, it concerns me that there will not be a private changing room wherein I can be sure that a rapist will not attack me by pushing me into a change room. I am worried about how I will react if I attacked. I need to feel safe. My rights matter too.

- A lot of improvements have been made on the previous design. However, I don't say any way of exiting the shower area to the change rooms to get dressed without passing by transparent glass. Are people expected to shower wearing their bathing suits? If you need to go somewhere after being at the pool and you cannot get chlorine off your whole body, allergic rashes and other skin irritations can develop.other
- [redacted line] I also would not feel comfortable with my children using shared change rooms, people could hide in them. [redacted line]
- A whole host of entirely unnecessary problems. Offer a small family change room for those who need it. This is unnecessary and unsafe.
- Include 3 change rooms: one dor each gender and one gender neutral. I dont want my daughter in the same changeroom as a grown man.
- Why is there no men/womens change room? are 12 year old girls supposed to change in the same area as 60 year old men?
- Gender neutral change rooms are a stupid idea [redacted line]
- Ladies change room only
- I'm unsure about communal change rooms. This could get complicated
- I appreciate wanting to provide gender neutral space, however, this should not be offered without also providing male and female space for those of us nit wanting to share space with the opposite sex when in swimwear snd accessing showers and toilets.
- Could the doors go right to the floor so you feel more secure and private? I don't like spaces that accommodate both genders at once. Should have done 3 change rooms to give choice to everyone. Those wanting gender neutral could use the change room designated that way, and those wanting to change with their identified gender only could have that choice too. 3 separate change rooms.
- Change rooms should be single sex-based. Women and girls need their own spaces for safety and privacy. I will never use your facilities because female-only change rooms don't exist. This is a human rights issue and you are violating women's rights to safe, single-sex spaces.
- Prefer options for men and women to identiful as such to have separate wahroom areas.
- I 100% DO NOT want gender neutral change rooms and showers, even if you specify people are clothed. This is insensitive to some religious practices, particularly women. Also, I'd feel VERY uncomfortable having my young (or even youth) children in the same changing area as adults of the opposite sex. Please provide options- with male/female change rooms too. Equity for all. That includes male-female change rooms & showers
- If deep-water aquafit classes are held, there is an insufficient number of change cubicles (CR) unless classes are restricted to 25 participants.
- [redacted line]
- Gender neutral washrooms is kind of strange. Could be great for families but how does this work? Not sure.
- I feel uncomfortable with unisex change rooms.
- Would be helpful to have private showers in addition to the public ones. Potentially combine with private change rooms, make these wet rooms?
- Will there be men's and women's change rooms available as well as the gender neutral. I don't know if I'd feel comfortable changing in a room with *[redacted line]* I just mean that women need safe places. To change.
- Mixed change rooms will result in safety issues and decreased comfort by prospective users.
- Have male, female, and gender neutral change rooms.
- There don't seem to be any showers, other than the one's leading to the pool. So if you work out at the school gym, where do you shower afterwards?
- I prefer that community/acquatic programs and change rooms offer women-only and senior-only facilities.

- People will not be clothed in halls because some people strip off their bathing suit in the shower. Very inappropriate to have young women and girls sharing change space with adult men.
- Why are we putting in Universal Changerooms because of a small majority of people who don't represent as either sex? Many Many Seniors will not feel comfortable in this environment nor will women and when men are that close sexual assualts are sure to occur. Unless you have one for Men and one set aside for women. Or the women's rooms are one side of the floor and the men are all the way on the other side. Why change something that was not broke to begin with for a very small segment of the population? Is it use at your own risk or can we sue the city when something does happen [redacted line]
- Too small for ladies. Most of the time, women take their children swimming... there is simply not enough space to accommodate what actually goes on in a women's changeroom and the chaos with wet kids/babies...
- Ensuring change areas large enough for (for example) a parent and 3 children cubicles aren't large enough. Also standing-height diaper changing stations.
- Gender neutral??? Dont be ridiculous
- Although there are personal change rooms, having glass between the pool and change room feels unnecessary and may be uncomfortable to those in the change rooms
- No mention of drinking fountains or refillable water bottle fillers other than on the rooftop. Others should be added by the pool area.
- No universal or gender neutral change rooms. Unsafe and very uncomfortable for the majority of women! Women want distinct separate change rooms or will not use them or allow children to use them. Stop cutting costs at the expense of women's safety.
- Safety concerns.I want my privacy while I'm changing
- Doesn't seem like there are enough private stalls to change.
- You're assuming only those in the pool will be using the showers. Others working out there may want a shower and not bring a suit. More solo private shower stalls should be considered instead of only open showers. Not everyone will feel comfortable openly showering with other genders or non genders for several reasons. Private stalls encouraged.
- Please be considerate to all people in our community and CREAT THREE change rooms, that being one for men, women, and neutral. Why are you not giving this choice? You will soon come to discover that many people will not be comfortable with the change room design (that is to say the thousands of people WHO ARE NOT responding to your survey). You have designed this change room so that the TWITTER mod won't call you out. What about the thousands of people who actually pay their taxes and are the reason why this centre can be built? I am so displeased with the change room design because I want gender based change rooms [redacted line] as will be thousands of people. Redesign the change rooms.
- Provide option for gender specific and gender neutral. Some people are inappropriate in gender neutral
- I am not comfortable with gender neutral change rooms. I cannot imagine not being able to shower adequately wearing a bathing suit.
- I understand the safety considerations of the gender neutral change rooms but I can't imagine a class of students or group of swimmers all trying to change in a small, personal change room. I swim with NT Masters at the NTMCC and all of the women change communally in the large change room after practice. We can shower without our suits on and spread out our (swim gear) bags on the benches as we change. And we talk, discuss practice as we change. That would be lost in a small personal change room.

- I do not like gender neutral change rooms if mandatory please make sure that the doors are about 7ft this was an issue when York Recreation Centre was built...Tall people could look over the doors.
- Seems a lot of real estate.
- It would be really wonderful to incorporate or either saunas, hot tubs, steam rooms, and cold water therapy areas for 'warm up and cool down' for both recreational and intensive athlete training.
- It should include gender neutral but also have private women's and men change rooms so people can feel comfortable
- Having private change rooms only may lead to a number of problems: 11 change 'cubbies' are not enough (leads to wait time), cubicles become dirty, as people are more likely to soil closed areas
- Seems like they take a large amount of space. Is there a way to reduce the floor space?
- The pool change rooms should have have female change rooms and male change rooms. If you want to make an additional gender neutral one fine but you must provide both options.
- Gender neutral change rooms is in contradiction to design principle #3 to 'address inclusive, multi-generational needs'. Older citizens in the area own homes and pay taxes to fund public facilities like this. As an older person, I was looking forard to this new facility but I am not at all comfortable with gender neutral change rooms and this would discourage me from using the facility. Private universal change rooms for families with small children makes sense. There should be a men's changing room and a women's changing room which would accomodate the overwhelming majority of citizens. The universal change rooms could be used by the small minority of citizens who identify as neither male nor female. Why are you designing for a tiny portion of the population while making the majority of citizens uncomfortable ? Later in the document you state ' There will be blinds that can cover glass/windows to ensure privacy during women's-only, inclusive, or other required programming times'. This is another contradiction. Why must women-only programming be shielded with blinds but women must be forced to share a change room with men? You don't have a problem recognizing specific gender needs for that but you ignore the specific gender preferences of women being more comfortable in a women's change room and men in their own change room. Your older citizens pay a lot of property taxes and I for one feel ignored by this design. You need to pay attention to our needs, not just the loudest voices in social media who want to police political correctness and inclusivity violations. If you keep going down this road, you will have a nice facility that is under used by the people who need it most and have paid for it ! You need to fix this aspect of the design.
- Why you are doing so many universal changing room. Is possible to get naked without worry a guy is going to see me...do only 1 universal. And then 2 separate.1 for women 1 for man. Why you have to mix sex in a pool area. I get it in a mall where I'm wearing clothes but in a pool area where I hace to get naked. I WILL NOT FEEL SAFE. I'm getting naked next to a guy that is getting naked! *[redacted line]* Stoped with the 'universal' washroom! Please what % of the population is guy that now the designs are all gender neutral..what about me. I'm a women I'm not gender neutral! Do I have rights??
- Should be separate for men and women
- Maybe I'm misunderstanding, but are there no gender specific change rooms? Everything is family/gender neutral? If that's the case, that's a bad idea. Have gender specific AND gender neutral/ family.
- Having all the change rooms gender neutral is enough of a concern that I would not allow my daughter to use these facilities. There should be some family/gender neutral changerooms but the vast majority should be ale or female. I would not feel comfortable showering beside an unknown male and would absolutely not want my teenage

daughter doing so. My husband would not feel comfortable showering beside unknown females and he would not use this facility. Please change this design. Listen to the voice of women and men for whom this design is distressing.

- I do not want unisex change rooms
- I would like a place to shower, take my clothes off, and wash my hair and body. It doesn't appear you have that.
- consider primary men/women's change room and smaller universal room
- I do not like gender neutral change rooms for everyone. The private change rooms are insufficient when kids change for lessons and I'm uncomfortable with random adults walking around.
- You cannot make all change rooms gender neutral. This is a safety issue. My young daughter has a right to change in a place where there are no men. This is a disaster waiting to happen. Have 3 women, men, gender neutral
- The idea of gender neutral changing area is completely offensive to me. [redacted line]
- Only concern is waiting time for a change stall, given that you cannot change in the general change area as normally in a gender specific change room.
- Seperate the genders please. As a woman, I would not feel comfortable sharing that space.
- Would prefer there to be some change rooms for women only.
- Total disagreement with 'gender neutral' change rooms
- The change rooms are not really wheel chair accessible. To negotiate the narrow corridors will be very difficult.
- Questions about gender neutral changerooms / showers. My understanding is that showering without a bathing suit before entering the pool is the ideal/recommended approach for pool hygiene reasons. This doesn't appear possible with the gender neutral design, unless I'm misunderstanding.
- A Hoyer lift should be supplied in the accessible change room
- I appreciate the need for genderless washrooms and change rooms. However, it seems that there may not be enough of them, given the number of people who may be accessing the pool or leaving the pool at the same time (overalapping times at beginning/end of lessons or sessions). People (especially wet ones) will not want to wait for a private change room to become free. It could take 15 minutes if one is not available. Also there is no comment on how these will work in the winter with winter coats, boots etc.
- If these are gender neutral, I would guess that means any human can go in either change room. I have issues with traditional space allocations for women's change rooms /washrooms as the allocations should reflect usage.... that is, closer to greater than a 50:50 split for women. This would still be the case in pool settings as women have to drag their kids with them the MAJORITY of the time.
- If they are gender neutral, does this mean what we are all naked together?
- there should be gender specfic change room areas and universal/family space
- Why grey tiles everywhere? How about artist designed vibrant abstracts.

## The washrooms (throughout the building)

- 1. Please provide shelves to keep sensitive items (phone, purse etc) above wet counter.
  2. No separate staff washrooms?
- I am a little concerned about sharing washrooms with men. [redacted line] I have many experiences in Toronto where by the shared washrooms smell like urine. Yes, it's a cleaning problem but reality is many cleaners do 'superficial' cleaning and this does not address the smell of long time urine on surfaces. Grout in washrooms has always been a problem to clean. Having at least some dedicated washrooms for 'women only' could help women who have a very keen sense of smell. [redacted line]

- [redacted line]
- Understand your thoughts on gender neutral washrooms/Change rooms but think having a coupled designated Male and Female would be worthwhile. For instance, feminine hygiene products could be found here or urinals could be in the other for speedier and cleaner use.
- Are you sure there are enough accessible bathrooms/showers, given the increasing population of people with disabilities in an aging population?
- I am concerned that women will be at risk of being sexually assaulted in the washrooms within the change rooms and shared with men and where the washrooms are stalls in other areas of the building. I feel women's rights are not being considered. I understand that some people are choose to be gender neutral and perhaps are comfortable in the presence of men, but I feel vulnerable in this situation.
- M an F
- Not interested in gender neutral
- I do not like only unisex washrooms. Young girls feel embarrassed changing their feminine hygiene products while boys are next door and can hear this. To make girls feel embarrassed is discriminatory. Girls will just stop coming.
- Make, female and unisex washrooms. It's unbelievable to think all women and young girls or young boys and older men would be comfortable in a unisex washroom.
- There should be washrooms for women only!!!
- Have men and women separate, along with option for gender neutral. It is a safety issue.
- Separate male and female washroom for privacy and safety of woman
- Same concern I hope there will be women only WC's
- Not really clear why dedicated mens and womens washrooms are not being built in addition to the gender neutral washrooms. Seems like individuals should be able to access the washroom of their choosing rather than this one size fits all approach.
- Please allow option for families with children who are not feeling safe using universal washrooms.
- Not gender neutral
- I am appalled at the gender neutral washrooms and change rooms. In no way is this safe for women, children and families. I am a senior woman and will never use a facility that only has gender neutral washrooms and change rooms. This is a complete violation of my rights as a woman to have a safe space. It is a ridiculous idea [redacted line]
- There should be male/female washroom
- Separate change room for males and females
- Same comments as pool change rooms if all washrooms are gender neutral too.
- I would not want to use a gender neutral washroom or change room. I do not want to change/shower in a common area where some strange guy is also using the facilities. There should be three Washrooms/change rooms: Men, Women, Gender Neutral or just Neutral. I have a right to be comfortable in public buildings. *[redacted line]*
- Men women and gender neutral
- Need to ensure gender specific and gender neutral options
- should not be gender neutral very terrible idea and a problem waiting to happen. should have womens, mens and then gender neutrall
- Uncomfortable with gender neutral washrooms... should 3 types make, female and neutral for a choice
- Women's only, men's only, and gender-neutral washrooms should all be offered!!!!
- There should be female, male and neutral washrooms
- Instead of having neutral gender washrooms, why can't people choose to have male, female, neutral gender washrooms.

- NO to gender neutral washrooms. Please have separate areas for men, women and a universal option. Gender neutral washrooms are NOT safe for women unless it is a 1 room only.
- If not identified as male or female they will need to be cleaned after every use. Old men and kids miss the target often and no woman wants to be cleaning before they can use them. Health and safety should be your highest priority especially in light of the spread of germs like Covid
- Women need [redacted line] women only spaces for safety
- I am a mother of three and I am not comfortable having men in the washrooms or change rooms with me.
- People should have choice, not be forced to interact with the opposite sex. I would not feel comfortable using the bathroom with men nor would my teen girls.
- As an older woman I am not comfortable with using the same washrooms as men. Could you please explain what gender neutral washrooms entail?
- Should have other options than only gender neutral. Some identify as Male. And some as female.
- [redacted line] I want to feel safe in using public washrooms.
- This is disturbing that girls and boys will be changing in same room
- I'm not seeing any partitions. I'm all for universal washrooms with no assigned gender but that doesn't mean that there shouldn't be men/women/family+other washrooms
- Washrooms rooms should be single sex-based. Women and girls need their own spaces for safety and privacy. I will never use your facilities because female-only wash rooms don't exist. You are violating the human rights of women and girls to safe, single-sex spaces.
- what does Gender neutral actually mean/ I think men and women should be able to separate themselves if they choose. Will the sinks and mirrors be one for all? Will there be options for separate areas? Will there be accessible washroom for using with a walker and higher toilets?? n
- Could the upper level washrooms also have adult change tables/ mechanical lifts, as opposed to only having these on the ground floor and having washrooms with adequate turn radius upstairs?
- [redacted line]
- I feel uncomfortable with unisex washrooms. I will avoid the centre.
- It shouldn't only be gender neutral
- Mixed washrooms will result in safety issues and decreased comfort by prospective users.
- Should be private, individual washrooms of gender neutral. If not fully private, then should be gender specific.
- Not enough. People often make a mess and back them up. Need more for when this occurs.
- Should definitely have some washrooms and change rooms only for female and only for males.
- Women need distinct separate facilities unless the number of washrooms are considerably increased. Stop cutting costs under the guise of inclusivity. You end up sacrificing women's overall safety and comfort..
- Safety concerns.I want my privacy using bathroom do not want to share with opposite sex or gender neutral
- There should be a safe space for males and females to have their own bathrooms. Please make 3 options. 1 gender neutral, 1 female and 1 male
- Again, I do not like gender neutral washrooms...please have men or women washrooms
- I do not agree with gender neutral bathrooms. There must be specific washrooms for females and males

- Not enough washrooms. Gender neutral washrooms are space-inefficient. There should be some private bathrooms to accommodate people with small children or citizens who do not identify as male or female. Additionally, there should be a traditional men's WR with urinals and a few stalls to accommodate more people. The Women's Washroom would have stalls as usual. [redacted line]
- I do not want unisex washrooms.
- consider primary men/women's washrooms and smaller universal room
- Total disagreement with 'gender neutral' washrooms
- If they are gender neutral, do we have any privacy?
- If they are going to be gender neutral, which I already don't like, at least they should be all enclosed. I don't feel safe sending my three daughters to change room normally, at least I want to see full privacy in a mixed area.

#### The lobby

- With only one elevator, there's a bottleneck with people who have disabilities, families with small children and those who refuse to walk up stairs.
- Maybe another good space for a water fountain. Will there be a vending machine here too with healthy snacks/drinks?
- In Wintertime, is difficult that special needs have space to walk or stay during the day, It could have a space with tables to spend time like eating, playing and walk around, the winter is hard for special needs kids and the parents and kind of cafeteria to be like a club while others are doing exercise.
- Possible to have second entrance off Millwood
- Small Retail/Cafe should be added to activate the space
- Why grey tiles in lobby? How about vibrant tiles and local artists work.

#### The multi-purpose rooms

- How will sign up be available to all members, not only those with internet connections?
- All dance studios
- Not convinced these are helpful
- Include a fitness space with exercise machines
- It would be nice if they were equipped to host specialized exercise classes.
- Weight room
- Why can't there be a gym here. This looks like a retirement facility.
- Unclear if these rooms will offer fitness classes
- If the roof will only be used during three seasons, are the five multipurpose rooms sufficient to accommodate all potential activities?
- Could use more multipurpose rooms for community groups to use
- Safety concerns.I want my privacy not change in front of opposite sex
- Repurpose a couple of the multipurpose rooms into Gym areas for teaching kids sports
- Work a cooking space into one of the rooms, it'd be great to rent for cooking classes. Or use as a gym.
- Access to Pickleball courts
- It would be beneficial to include pickleball courts as part of the overall plan.
- can they have useable sinks for wet arts and crafts such as painting, dyeing, printing, etc. ?
- Increase size of multipurpose space. Why do you need a high ceiling for the pool? It's expensive air space
- Please consider having a stage (portable or permanent) in one of these rooms. It is wonderful to see what happens when you put a stage in a room!

- 1. Will there be coat closets in the multipurpose rooms, or does a participant need to use a pool change room locker? 2. The mechanical room adjacent and above multi-purpose rooms please ensure it is acoustically separated so that vibrations are not transferring through.
- Ensure that they are properly equipped for use by local non-profit community groups (wifi, projection equipment, whiteboards, etc.)

#### The teaching kitchen

• great idea

#### The dance studio

- When this is not booked by dance groups, allow the studio to be used as a meeting room.
- Increase size of dance and multipurpose rooms and decrease roof top park. There is after hours and weekend use of the schoolyard.
- Socials for meeting people and classes of different types. So it would be designed with those things in mind for another use of the space.
- Include mirrored wall or walls
- It can also be use as Martial art studio.
- Should be more than one
- I hope you will have barre classes
- yes.

#### The pool viewing area

- Slanted glass and raised/tiered seating would help visibility
- The pool viewing area makes the pool area brighter but it is half the second floor that is open space. No one has ever said we have too much room. I think closing off the whole floor and making an exercise room/fitness space with equipment would be a better use of the space. To view the swimmers for parents, as an example, there appears to be ample room in the first floor swim area.
- There are no stands for parents/spectators which limits how the pool can be used.
- Curtained off area for privacy
- Does it have adequate space for families of swimmers during regular lessons/activities and swim meets?
- Larger area to support viewing of competitive swim meets
- The pool viewing area seems small.
- I recommend there be more seating and table space on the second floor looking over the pool and on the third floor, in the hallway between the multi-purpose rooms and the roof deck
- I think there needs to be more viewing room. Seems small.

#### The active roof

- 1. The upper floor is fully glazed and no shading is provided from SW sun. This roof corridor is going to be hot in the summer and expensive to keep cool. 2. Is the lawn intended to be an artificial turf? 3. Will there be water harvesting for collection of rain water?
- It looks like there is not enough shade coverage on the roof garden. Perhaps some shade sails or umbrellas would be good to include. Pergola does not really provide the shade even though it looks nice. Also would be good to have coverage that is good for rain and sun like a picnic shelter in public parks.

- I would like to see at least 2 pickleball courts included. Downtown Toronto has very few pickleball courts and it is very fast growing sport, especially amongst younger seniors.
- Include more benches and tables so that people can relax here in the sun (not just exercise)
- Include a garden, beekeeping, etc.
- Climate change issues require solar panels and wind turbine
- Please ensure that during summer months, there is full shade on the rooftop i.e. from other buildings or..... A trellis is not full shade.
- How much noise/disturbance will be created impacting neighbours
- I think the gymnastics areas would be downstairs for more room, but there could be some on the active roof. Like parallel bars.
- Roof is invaluable on a running track.
- Outdoor courts would be amazing here
- Please consider making it 4-season as a safe walking space for seniors. Also please consider having options of (commercial) coffee/refreshment stands and rollable book stands to encourage non-programmed community use.
- What happens during winter? In the Autumn, which can be cold and rainy, will there be some kind of heating or protection?
- The walking path is not wide enough for people drive medical devices.
- Canada is cold or rainy snowy for most of the year. Suggest enclosing the outdoor space, or adding retractable or rolling ceiling to provide shelter in poor weather so the space can still be used (ie. outdoor yoga class could roll out a retractable pergola over the class so it doesn't have to be cancelled. Events can still go ahead in the rain. Other option would be to have larger permanent pergolas so larger areas can be used in poor weather. Even on a hot sunny day, likely to be nice to have some more shade on the roof.
- The 'green roof' could have bee hives or gardens veggie or just trees etc
- It would be nice if the roof could be enclosed during winter months, so it could be used all the time.
- A track that's only 90m (so can't be used for running) doesn't seem to add much value in a walkable neighbourhood with trails and parks. Seems like the space would be better used to expand the lawn exercise area.
- A 4-season (enclosed) walking track would be a more valuable addition to the community, especially for the elderly who are not comfortable walking outdoors when there might be slippery conditions.
- I saw there were some questions in the presentation about the width of the track on the active roof, and just wanted to add that having it a bit wider would be lovely
- How do you think to use the active roof during winter?
- More green space. Lawn bowling will be a nice addition and a putting green.
- Consider a canopy for shade in the activity area, winter heating machines for track areas, a pollinator and bee garden. THANK YOU! Looks lovely! C. L.
- More covered outdoors spaces are needed in Toronto and will be needed in the coming years / decades as a result of covid-19. A third level with a track is a wonderful idea. Why not have an additional covered area, creating a 4th level with a green roof
- Will there be a few tables to play games on?
- Longer walking track is needed
- Seems like wasted space considering it can only be used for 1/2 the year. Why not add more community rooms or additional classrooms for the school?
- Missing soccer/ frisbee/ team sport area that is so rare in this area
- Why a walking trail why not more lanes so people can run.
- Same as above.

- Is there some structure in place to protect the roof from the harsh elements of winter retractable screen or roof?
- Would really prefer to have area on the roof where you can eat snack with kids/read, relax (something with few tables and chairs), thanks
- Most active roofs in Toronto are in fact used only 1 season, not 3 seasons. In current design a lot of space will not not be used for a lot of time
- Outdoor ping pong table and active garden.
- It would be great to get a gym space or workout area.
- I think there should be more shade considerations on the roof running track area. Is it
  possible to grow trees up there? I think it could be very hot and therefore under used.
- Does the pergola have an option for full non-permeable cover in case of rain?
- The sun's rays are becoming more intense. Please consider providing filtered shade for more areas of the active roof so that the track and open exercise areas are not in direct sunlight.
- Great for the summer, but can't be used in the winter or spring. Can it be covered or are there fitness spaces that will allow people to work out year round?
- Will there be winter maintenance? This would provide a key fitness area in the winter for our community
- Walking track seems like it would support only 4-5 people at once. Seems like a waste given the number of people it can support
- I do not understand if the following description means that I as a patron/visitor will not be able to experience the green roof? I thought it meant there would be a park on top of the building? If not, why not, and what is the purpose of the green roof, if no one can enjoy the space and get away from it all --> 'A green roof on top of the indoor third floor spaces (not accessible to the public)
- Add basketball nets
- Why is the only gym on the roof where it's will be unusable. This neighbourhood needs a gym badly.
- More lanes required on the track. Outdoor exercise equipment? Not sure how that will work in the winter. Why not an indoor gym be the multi-purpose room that will likely sit vacant as it does at North Toronto Community centre.
- 'green space' covers a lot of possibility. why not a native plant area with labels, seed collectives, bee hotels for native bees. Make it an area to also be used for teaching garden.
- why have 3 season roof. why not cover to allow for 4 seasons, especially when it rains and winter season. More will be gotten out of a walking track with a covering.

## The basement/ connection to the school underground parking lot

- What happens if the one elevator breakdowns...how would one gain access to the lobby if they require accessibility & access?
- It should not exists. Waste of CO2.
- Must enforce stricter security to protect safety of children. No daytime access to the school
- Security aspect is not shown or understood. we need to ensure folks not authorized don't gain access to school and near the kids. we need to ensure clear seperation.

## The streetscape in front of the Centre (on Davisville Ave)

- 1. The presentation had no mention of lighting design to feature the new building, signage, nor to address safety.
- Ensure that the bike racks have adequate capacity. Likewise, the west walkway should be multi-use, allowing cyclists to ride on it without endangering pedestrians. Don't repeat

the failure at Davisville P.S., where the driveway is one-way, with a bike rack mid-block that cannot be safely accessed by people on bikes.

- Recycling centre? Bottle return? Farmers markets.
- doesn't fit the environment
- Gone is the green space and more shadow creating another wall/barrier
- If possible include space for soccer field
- The trees at the front are completely being removed but not replaced. Personally, I would prefer greenery at thr front of building
- It would appear we will lose the stand of mature trees on the southwest corner of the site
   a glass building is a poor replacement.
- Like how it is started. Regular weeding is important. Add native plants.

## The building façade

- Front (south side) signage needs to be more prominent
- 1. Are only the glass vertical louvers frosted along Davisville? So this aesthetic feature neither provides shading for the south facing facade (as it is glass only) nor does it provide privacy from Davisville pedestrian traffic.
- My compliments on the stunning design of the glazed facade.
- The industrial look doesn't fit
- Limited shelter
- The charcoal penthouse cladding seems to be in stark contrast with the white paneling and makes the building appear industrial from the rear
- It looks like a warehouse why do new designs have to be so ugly?
- I am uncomfortable about the clear view into the pool area from Davisville Ave. I'm sure many people would prefer not to be on public display while they swim.
- A less utilitarian and industrial facade would make the building more welcoming
- It is a very modern exterior does not fit the residential area it sits in. The new school does not blend in well with the residential area.

## **Building materials**

- 1. How is the building meeting carbon neutral design and supporting sustainability? Other than geothermal, mechanical system, LED lighting and (presumably) argon filled, double glazed curtain wall - how are the materials selected to ensure either carbon capture, highly thermal resistant envelope, appropriate shading and minimizing ratio of glazing to opaque materials is met? Are any of the materials recovered from other projects or recycled to minimize footprint on the environment?
- While building design is great the city needs to demonstrate commitment to climate change with materials: less concrete, why use wood in a humid pool area
- as above
- the whole design is really bland.
- Ensure the colour changes between floor surfaces are well contrasted for those with failing eyesight.
- too much concrete
- Would be ideal to have flooring in the change rooms that easily drains water (e.g. slatted wood), even if just in the change rooms so the floor can remain dry.
- Suggest avoiding solid colored materials and using things with multiple tones or the
  appearance of texture (not actual texture as that can be hard to clean). Helps to hide
  scuffs etc. over time. Also, the palette seems a bit too neutral. Toronto is grey for half the
  year so it would be great to see more color (although I'm guessing that will be added in
  with things like artwork).
- Can we choose some brighter colours among the very neutral tones here?

 incorporating alternative power sources such as solar panels to serve as teaching tools too

## Accessibility

- One elevator is insufficient. If it breaks down, there is no accessible backup. The north stairs could be replaced with a second elevator.
- I believe there is only one elevator in the centre. Because of the number of times elevators are 'out of service' and the amount of time it takes for elevators to be repaired, perhaps a second elevator should be considered, as backup. It can be located elsewhere. I know they are expensive to be installed but our ageing population, mobility compromised, plus strollers, etc. need access to an elevator.
- Accessibility throughout the ability for one to get around but please remember there are
  others with disabilities that have different needs like appropriate change rooms that have
  the required space to change without having to deal with my uniqueness in front of
  gender neutral change rooms with cubicles for kids and parents and maybe a few for
  wheel chairs but not for people with assistive devices ro take off and put something else
  on for the pool and vice versa...
- Hopefully, elevators will accommodate people with mobility issues. Visually impaired individuals should have braille options in terms of following directions to various spaces, the elevator and other areas.
- Accessibility only seems to have been a thought in designing pool and change rooms. In all other respects it seems to have been an afterthought. Please employ people with disabilities to aid in the development of the plans.
- Is there a pool lift? Could there be elevators at both stairs? Can lights in all areas be adjustable (eg on dimmers) to accommodate sensory needs?
- Elevator
- More dedicated wheelchair parking.
- Is one elevator enough? I guess if it's a very large one it would be ok. Otherwise I really like the way it is laid out.
- Many participants had concerns about there being only one elevator. The panel did their best to cover all the accessibility features of the centre. No one commented on the capacity of the planned elevator. I became concerned that you may be under estimating the demand for use of the elevator. The plans make the staircase appear quite tall. If going from ground level to the rooftop, many may be intimidated by the climb. We know families with small children or strollers will chose the safety and convenience of an elevator.
- I know the site is tight but is there an option for a second elevator given the accessibility needs of young families and aging population.
- Thank you, thank you for including an accessible adult change table. This is an enormous way of improving access for people with complex physical disabilities. It was hard to tell from the drawings if the pool will have a lift and/or ramp entrance so that people in wheelchairs can enter and exit the pool.
- Please ensure the equipment is accessible. Chairs can be removed from wheelchair placement etc
- Signage and lighting needs to be accessible for people with intellectual disabilities (low sensory), hearing and visual impairments.

## Other:

- Didn't see a large indoor gym. Would be no to have teen basketball access etc
- include pickleball!!!!
- Adding a space for Pickleball
- Use of grey colours is sterile how will it become discoloured through use

- Given that there is likely to be a very tall condo building built immediately west of the aquatic centre site (NE corner of Yonge/Davisville), the walkway going north-south from Davisville to Millwood on the west side of the aquatic centre is likely to be in deep shadow for much of the day. That walkway will likely be quite dark, especially during the winter months. Can lights be installed on the exterior west side of the aquatic centre? Lighting for that walkway will be essential, to make sure community members are comfortable traveling between Davisville/Millwood
- More gymnastics equipment of different sorts. Gym for other types of equipment. Darkroom both shared and individual darkrooms. Shared studio space and storage for gear. If that might need another place to do so, that would be great. It's expensive to rent studio space in the city. Social events for others who are dyslexic and have ADHD as well as those with other neuro-diverse minds.
- there were multiple suggestions about having a cafe or area with tables and chairs, not benches, for residents to meet in a sunny location, perhaps on the roof. I don't see this anywhere unless I am mistaken. There was also a suggestion to make this area open to vendors to bid to provide food service. I don't see anywhere in the design where people using the facility can get food or drink.
- The facility looks lovely. My main concern is that it will be adequately maintained, particularly in terms of cleanliness given how heavily used it will be. I felt the North Toronto Memorial Community Centre got so grungy that I didn't want to swim there anymore
- If there is outdoor space, Pickleball and aquatics go hand in hand and are popular amongst all age groups!
- There is no mention of how to ensure that air that flows in the building is designed in a sustainable way, have maximum fresh air, and prevent people from catching airborne diseases.
- Where is parking? I live on davisville and don't want all parking taken up by ppl going to the centre
- What will the side of the building facing Yonge street look like?
- Should have a seperate gender neutral who doesnt idenify with other
- Include a bike lockup
- There is an opportunity to ensure the design of this building provides as much ventilation as possible and consider ways to have more of the building be open air for 3 seasons to make it safer not only for the immediate COVID-19 situation but for future respiratory viruses as well.
- Ensure that a dedicated capital fund is set aside for maintenance and capital improvements going forward.
- There should be an auditorium or bigger community meeting space and an indoor exercise or rec center with weights or other sports and leisure activities
- Addition of hard court space for pickle ball
- The washroom idea is odd
- Is there a net zero strategy to the design?
- A lot of people will use bicycles , motorcycles and scooters to get there. Please make allowances for that.
- Good TTC access but more info on local parking would be useful
- The stai along Davisville Ave is an important circulation route and should be made as gracious and public as possible to promote its use and civic place. Think of the stair at the downtown Y. Make it Wider? Move it to the west and please make it out of good materials and glaze it to the I side and outside.
- Construction
- Significant number of bicycle parking spots both indoors and outdoors
- no weight room ?

- There's a very long corridor to get to the change rooms on the ground floor. You might want to think about how to make that experience more interactive, perhaps with public art or seating along the way.
- The roof garden area is good, but you need to do something at winter, more enjoyable. And if it is aside a Spectrum school there will be more thing for this purpose.
- Will people be able to view/access the Green roof? I think this is a major learning opportunity for environmental & ecological lessons.
- Would like to see squash
- Like the pool in regent park, our family would love a tall diving board, a Tarzan rope, some cool slide and/or leave pool
- The scale for this facility makes no sense. My wife and I own a home that is a 5 minute walk, but know that we'll never set foot in this facility due to it's size and difficulty getting access to swim outside of normal working hours. It is simply far too small. Terrible planning. This very densely packed community is scheduled to have another 6 massive rental towers built within 500meters of this facility. Each of those contain 400-500 suites. There are also another 5 or 6 condo towers scheduled to be built within 1Km of this tiny community center by the time it opens its doors.
- Wide running track. Running is a popular sport. Make it part of the centre
- do not allow yet another condo that will overwhelm the centre
- Please add a sauna and steam room.
- Can there be a bike lane built on Davisville road to improve safety and accessibility to the pool?
- IPAC best practices must be articulated in terms of what is being done re ventilation, air circulation and efforts to minimize COVID-19 or its newest variant (I believe COVID is here to stay and we will have to adapt our surroundings to be safe). Suggest all entry areas are touchless/ waving hands to open doors. How will heavily used pool change spaces be kept clean and covid safe? On a separate note, I think I read there would only be one water bottle filling station....this is not enought.
- Gym space with equipment
- Bike racks should be bike lockers to protect bikes from crime
- add art studio for people in small apts w no studio space. Grey tiles sounds like 1950s subway. Use colours and pattern. bring life into materials. Have an area for artwork of local artists, teens, kids. A gallery /area in main corridor w. rotating exhibits. like deer park library.
- bike parking in underground garage. street bike parking may be prone to bike theft. also also stairs to be climbable for exercise.

# **Appendix C: Email Responses**

The following are suggestions received by project staff through email during the period the online survey was live.

- Increase the depth of shallow end to at least 4 ft to provide swimmers enough room to stroke without striking the pool's floor with their knuckles or toes. To accommodate younger kids in a deeper pool, removable platforms can be used.
- Provide large standing areas in the pool (shallow depth) to allow for swimming lessons, rehabilitation, and exercises.
- Provide pickleball facilities.
- Include gendered as well as non-gendered washroom and change room spaces.
- Ensure that there is equal time for all residents to use the pool for leisurely swim (i.e. elders during the day and youth at night).
- Suggest that "Mama-mia" classes, which are currently offered at the Mel Lastman pool, also be included within the programs facility.
- Make sure that there be separate pools so parents and their kids can do different activities at the same time.