

Wabash Community Recreation Centre

Phase 4 – Plan Options

Community Resource Group Meeting 1 of 2
Thursday, October 14, 2021



Land Acknowledgement

I'd like to begin by honouring the land that I'm on. If you are not currently in Toronto, I encourage you to learn about the lands you're on.

We acknowledge the land we are meeting on is the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. We also acknowledge that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 with the Mississaugas of the Credit.



Meeting Objectives

1. To present and gather feedback on the draft preferred building & landscape design
2. To gather input on programming and design suggestions to support the programming
3. To seek any other comments and advice for the project team
4. To share next steps



The CRG - Your Role in the Process

- The CRG is an advisory group that provides guidance, constructive feedback & suggestions on proposed project approaches, concepts and materials
 - Operate using a consensus-based approach
 - Provide a sense of the broader community's reactions and concerns
 - Promote public consultation activities and events

Thank You!

Agenda



Welcome & Zoom tips



Presentation

- Project Review
- Engagement Review



Discussion



Next Steps

thank
you!

Adjourn

Zoom tips



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Project Team

Capital Projects & Public Consultation (PF&R)

Ashley Wilson – Sr. Project Co-ordinator, Capital Projects

Alex Lavasidis – Sr. Consultation Coordinator

Consultant Team

Jarle Lovlin – Diamond Schmitt Architects

Marcin Sztaba – Diamond Schmitt Architects

Leslie Morton – PMA Landscape Architects

Yulia Pak – Swerhun Inc. (Public Consultation)

Khly Lamparero – Swerhun Inc. (Public Consultation)

Introductions – CRG Members

CRG Members

City of Toronto Youth Outreach Worker - Felicia Gopaul

Friends of Sorauren Park - Kathy Allan & Joël Campbell

Garden Avenue P.S. Parent Council – Anne Gleeson & Haida Gebru

Mentoring Junior Kids Organization (MJKO Boxing) - Miranda Kamal

Parkdale Activity Recreation Centre (PARC) - Beryl-Ann Mark & Mirusha Yogarajah

Parkdale Residents Association - Ric Amis

Roncesvalles-Macdonell Residents Association - Mark Campbell & George Emerson

Sorauren Farmers' Market Association - Helen Acraman & Eric Lee

St. Vincent De Paul Elementary School - Dan Fisher

Parkdale Jr. / Sr. Public School - Migs Bartula & Jelena Zaric

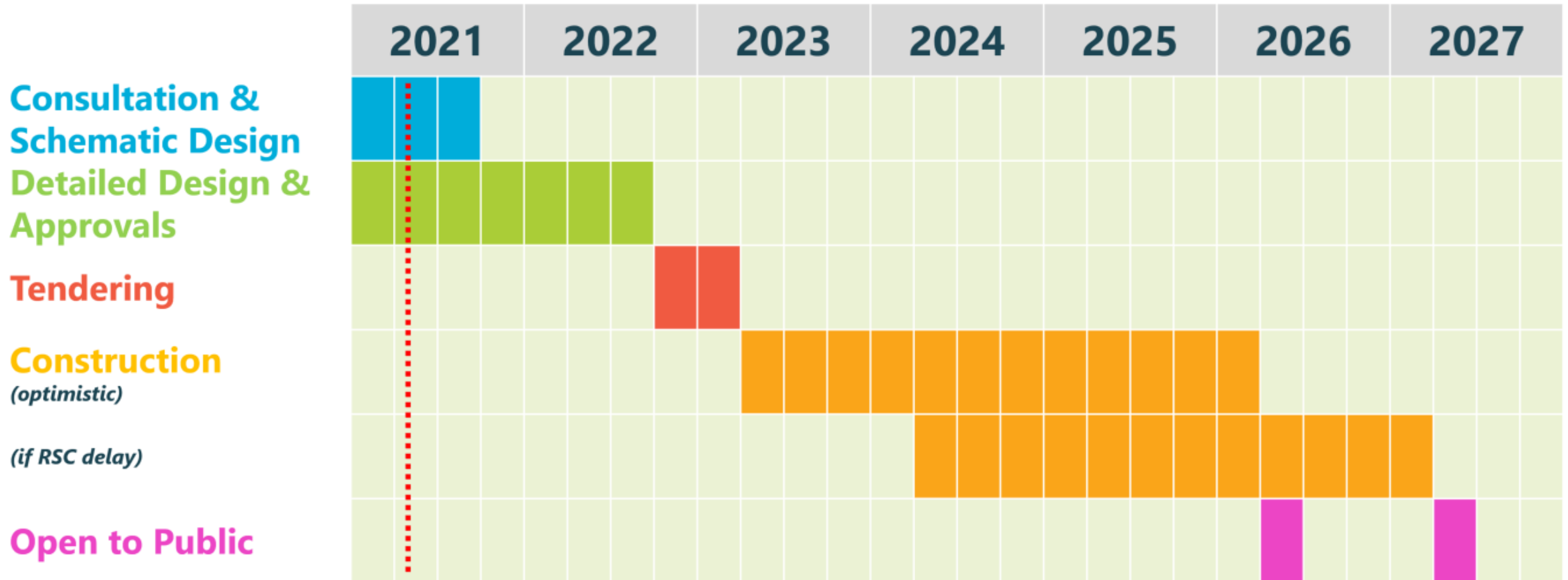
Westlodge TCHC community - Cathy Gatlin

Project Overview

About the Project

- Key Components as identified by the 20-year Parks & Recreation Facilities Master Plan (Council funding of this centre is based on the direction in the FMP):
 - ✓ Double gymnasium
 - ✓ Aquatic component:
 - 25 m x 6 lane wide lap pool
 - Children's leisure pool
 - ✓ Multi-purpose spaces for various recreational programs & community access through the City's permit system
- Council Requirement - Net Zero Emissions (Energy)
- Other Considerations:
 - Heritage preservation requirements, as determined by the City's Heritage Preservation Services
 - Compatibility with rail line safety setbacks
 - Working with Indigenous Communities and Treaty Holders to determine how to research and recognise historic and ongoing presence of Indigenous peoples on the land

Schedule (estimated)



What We Heard: Community Engagement

City-Led Public Engagement To Date

Phase 1: Project Introduction

- **Public Meeting 1** - July 10, 2018

Phase 2: Vision, Principles and Big Moves

- **Community Resource Group (CRG) Meeting 1**
September 16, 2020
- **Public Virtual Townhall 1**
September 22, 2020
- **Public Virtual Small Group Discussions**
September 28, 2020
- **Public Online Survey 1**
September 15 to October 5, 2020

Phase 2 Goals:

- Confirms the vision, design principles, and “Big Moves” (key goals) for the design.
- Collect feedback to inform the creation of site design options

City-Led Public Engagement To Date

Phase 3: Site Design Options

- **CRG Meeting 2** - April 27, 2021
- **CRG Meeting 3** - June 8, 2021
- **Public Virtual Townhall 2-** May 11, 2021
- **Public Online Survey 2**
May 5 to May 31, 2021 (Over 1,000 respondents)
- **Toronto Aboriginal Support Services Council**
April, 2021
- **Local Indigenous Advisory Circle Meeting 1**
May 27, 2021
- **Local Indigenous Advisory Circle Meeting 2**
August 18, 2021
- **Youth Engagement** - June, 2021
 - Two local grade 8 classrooms
 - ENAGB Youth Board Members (Indigenous Youth)

Phase 3 Goals:

- Presents and seeks community feedback on multiple site design options

Indigenous Consultation Goals:

- Ensure the new Wabash Community Recreation Centre is welcoming to Indigenous Peoples and uses, and reflects the historic and ongoing presence of Indigenous Peoples in the area

Feedback – Indigenous Advisory Circle Meeting 2

- Landscape design feature suggestions:
 - Include a natural water feature and fire pit outside the Centre for ceremony (e.g. to place tobacco offerings).
- Art suggestions:
 - Important to include throughout the site and should be used to tell stories.
 - Artists should be involved as early as possible.
 - The Mississaugas of the Credit have many artists who should be considered for this project.
 - Have Indigenous & settler artists work together to create a message around stewardship of the earth.
 - Consider representing Indigenous histories while tying in local community member histories as well.

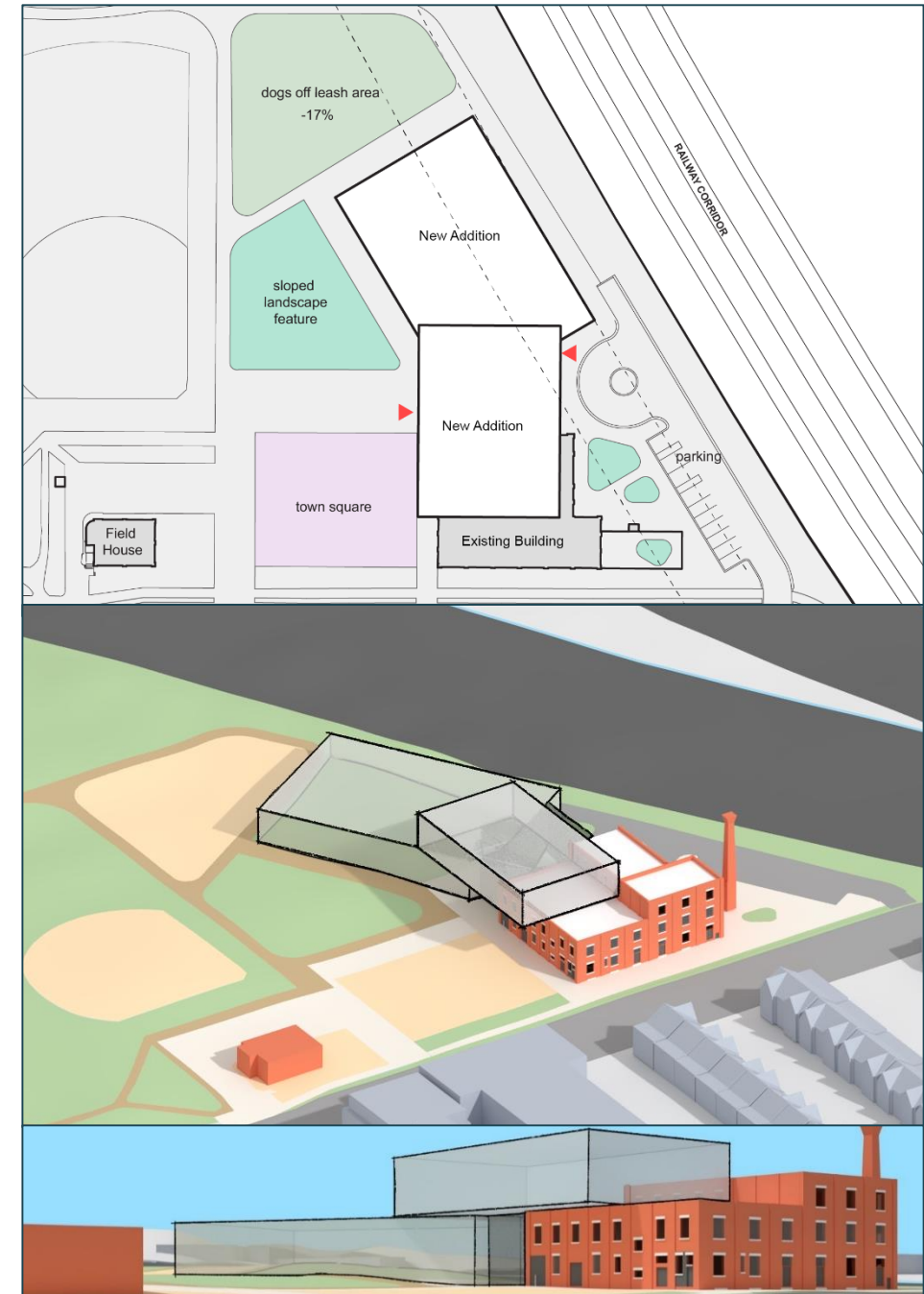
Feedback – Indigenous Advisory Circle Meeting 2

- Comments on building features:
 - Kitchen: The kitchen will be useful for ceremony & teaching youth traditional cooking.
 - Multipurpose rooms: The different sized multipurpose rooms are useful for different activities.
 - Rooftop:
 - Put a BBQ on the roof to provide another space for cooking (important for ceremony).
 - Include a garden, potentially a medicine garden.
 - Include quiet, contemplative space.
 - Balance rooftop uses with the need to use rooftop space to host solar panels (LIAC members are supportive of a sustainable building).
- Overall:
 - Approval that the rooms will enable indoor smudging.
 - Happy with the Angler placement, as the placement doesn't impact any opportunities to make the building welcoming for Indigenous peoples or uses.
 - The Mississauga's historian will be providing a general site history this fall which will inform art and interpretative signage at the new centre.

Draft Preferred Building and Landscape Design

Phase 3 – Site Design Preference

The Angler site design has emerged as the preferred option through consultation with the local community, internal operations staff, and was confirmed as an appropriate option through the Indigenous Advisory Circle.

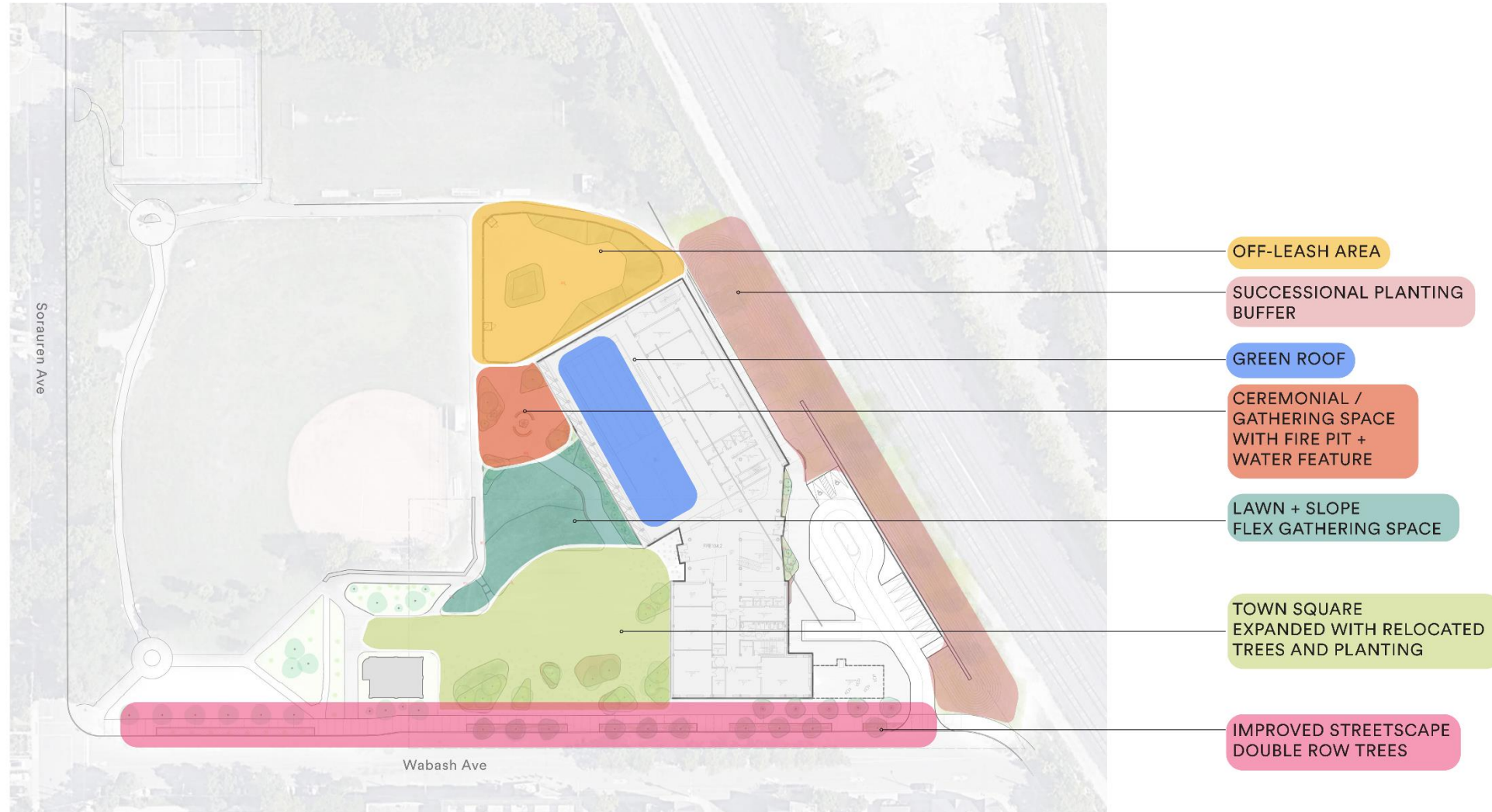


Aerial Site View

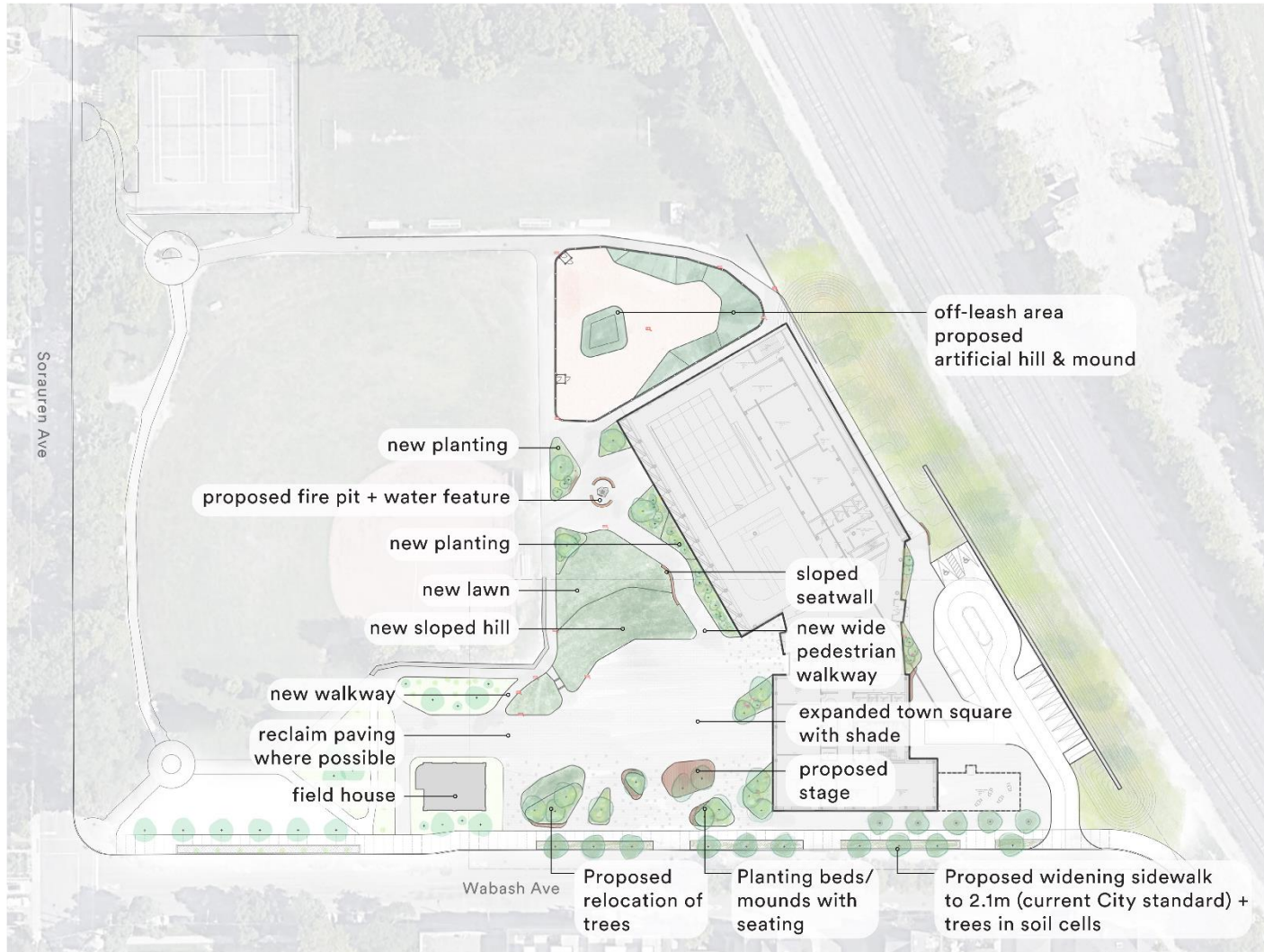


Landscape Design

Landscape Concept - Programming



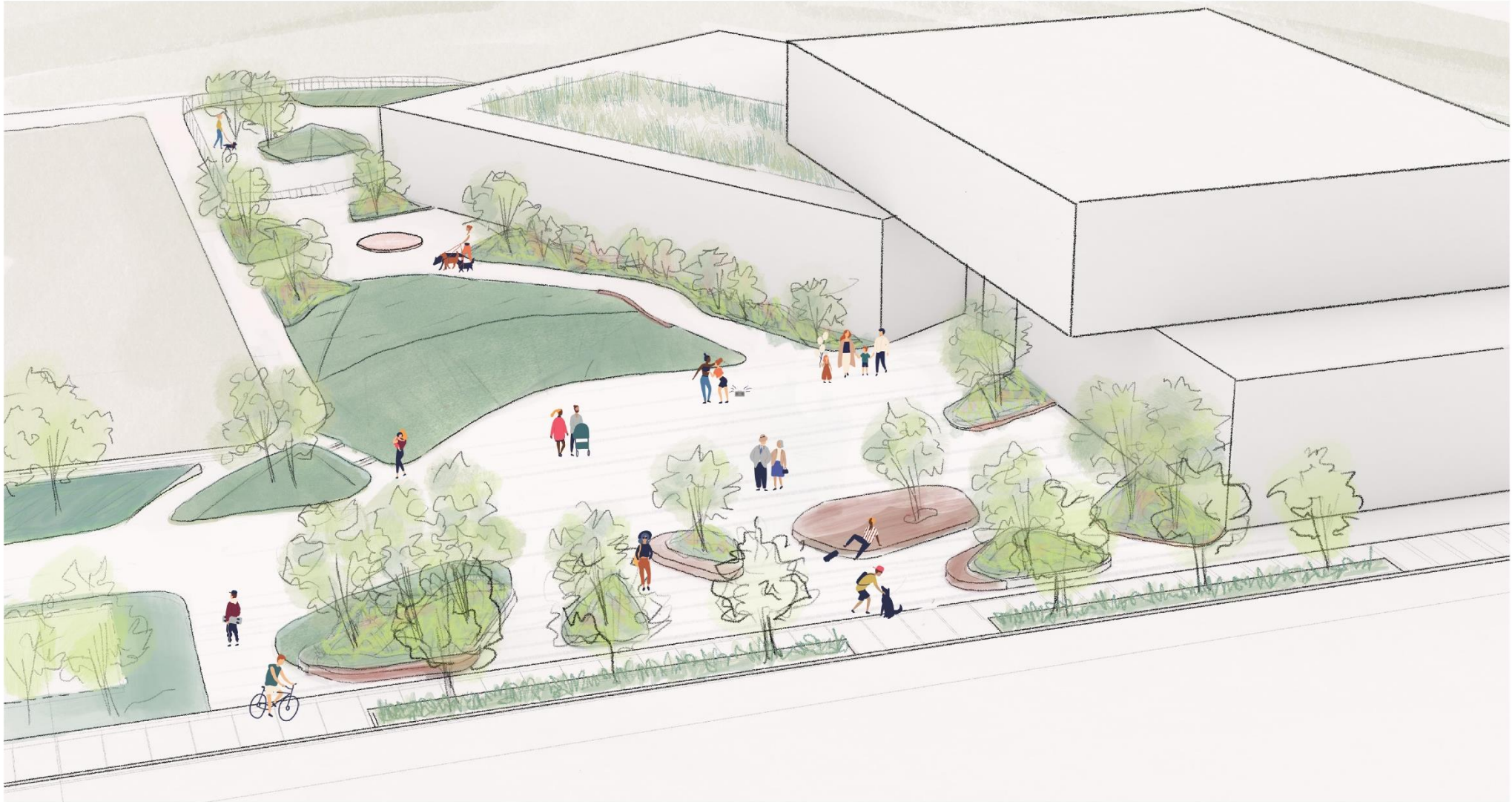
Landscape Illustrative Plan



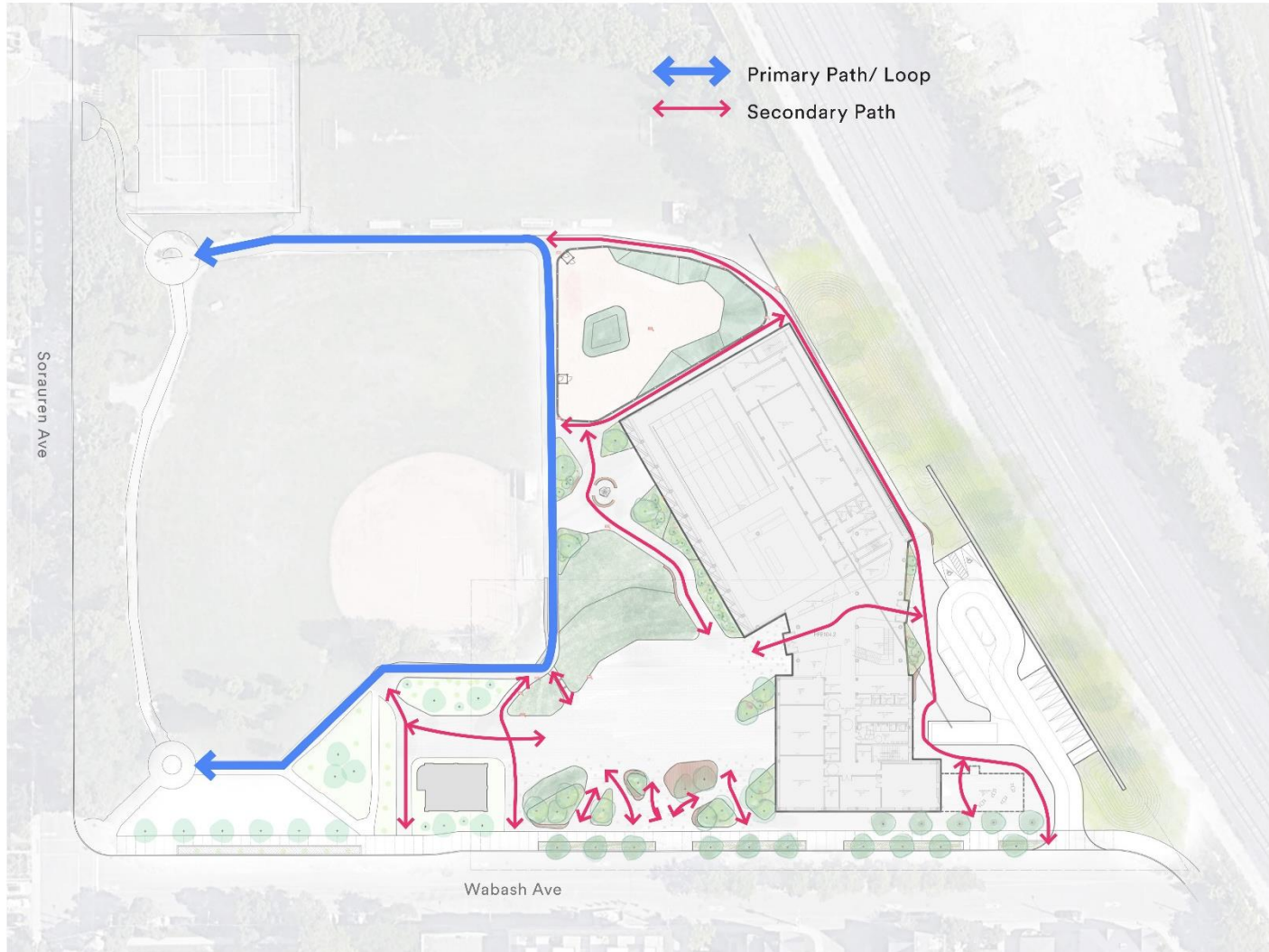
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Landscape Concept Sketch



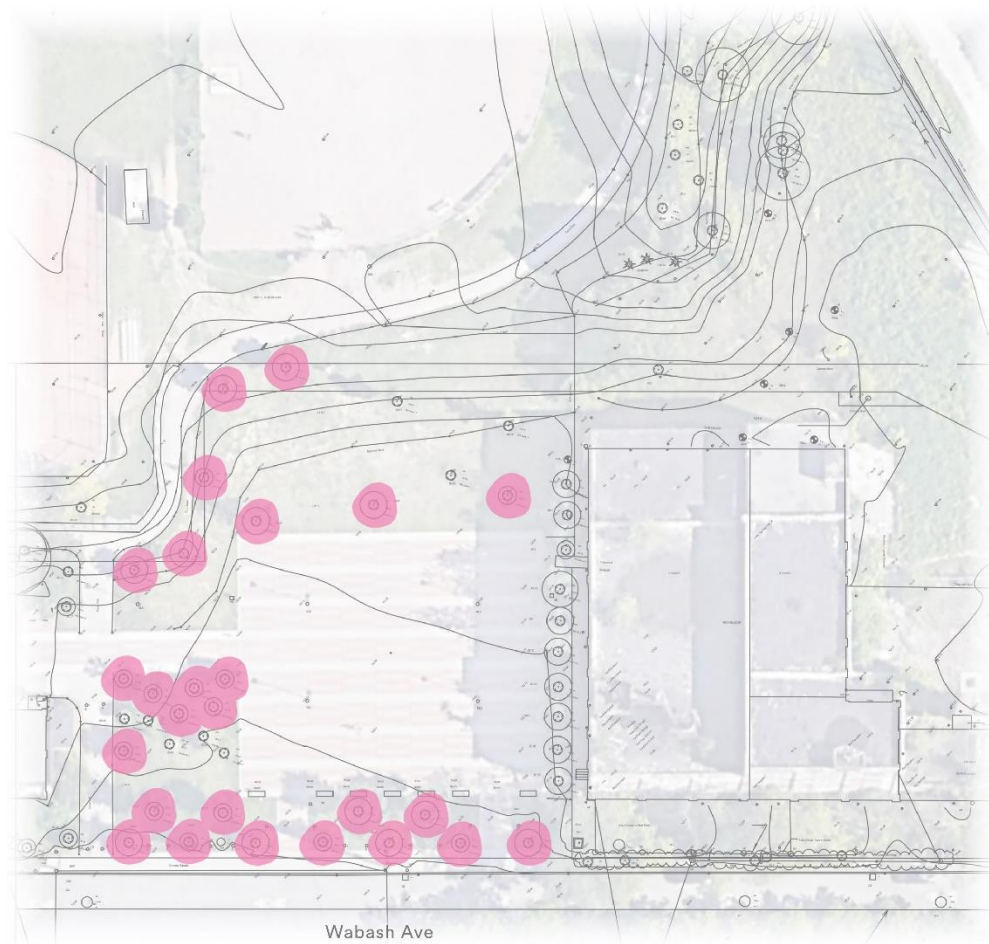
Landscape Circulation



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Landscape Concept - tree relocation



ie. 18 trees to be preserved



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Landscape Concept - Event Diagram

Farmer's Market



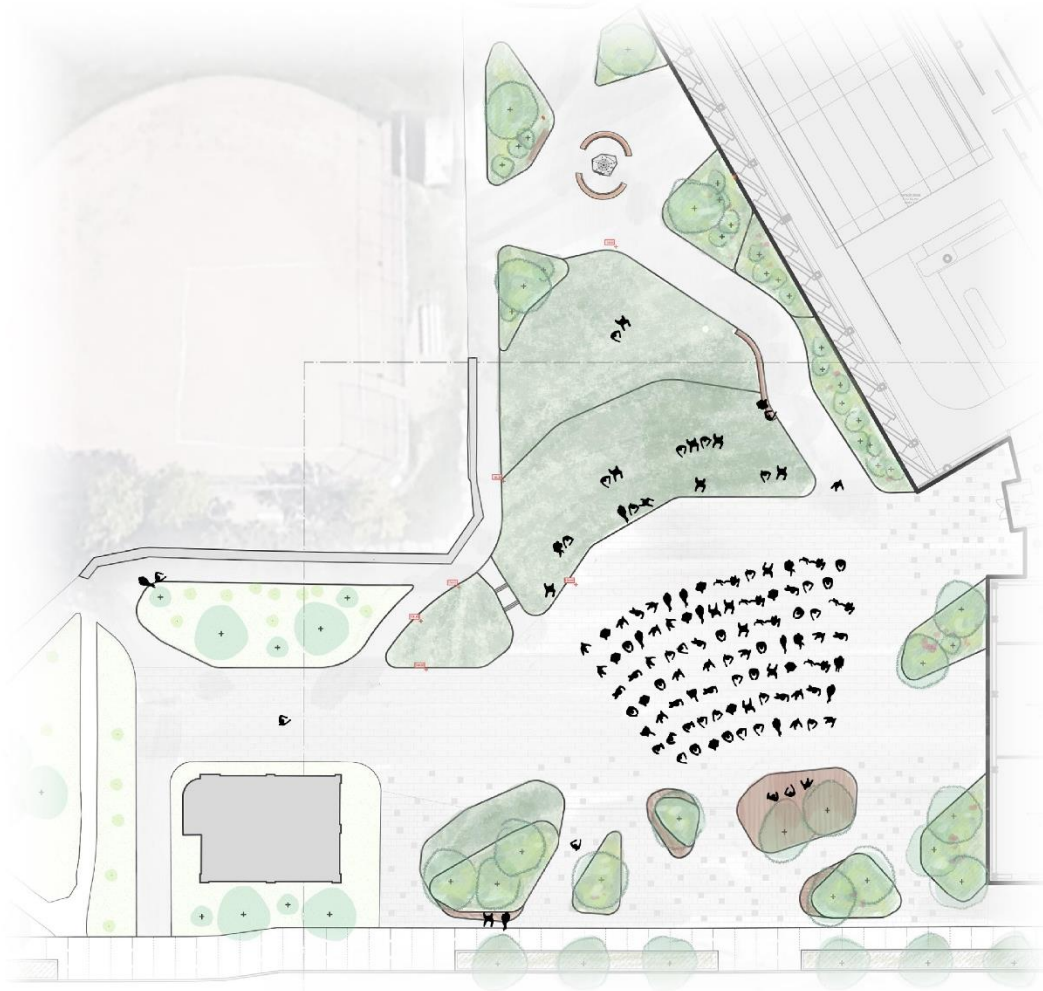
Landscape Concept - Event Diagram

Movie Night



Landscape Concept - Event Diagram

Performance



Landscape Concept - Slope Sketch



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Landscape Concept – Planting Inspiration



Building Design

Building Design - Wabash Avenue View



Building Design - Park view



Building Design - Rail Side View



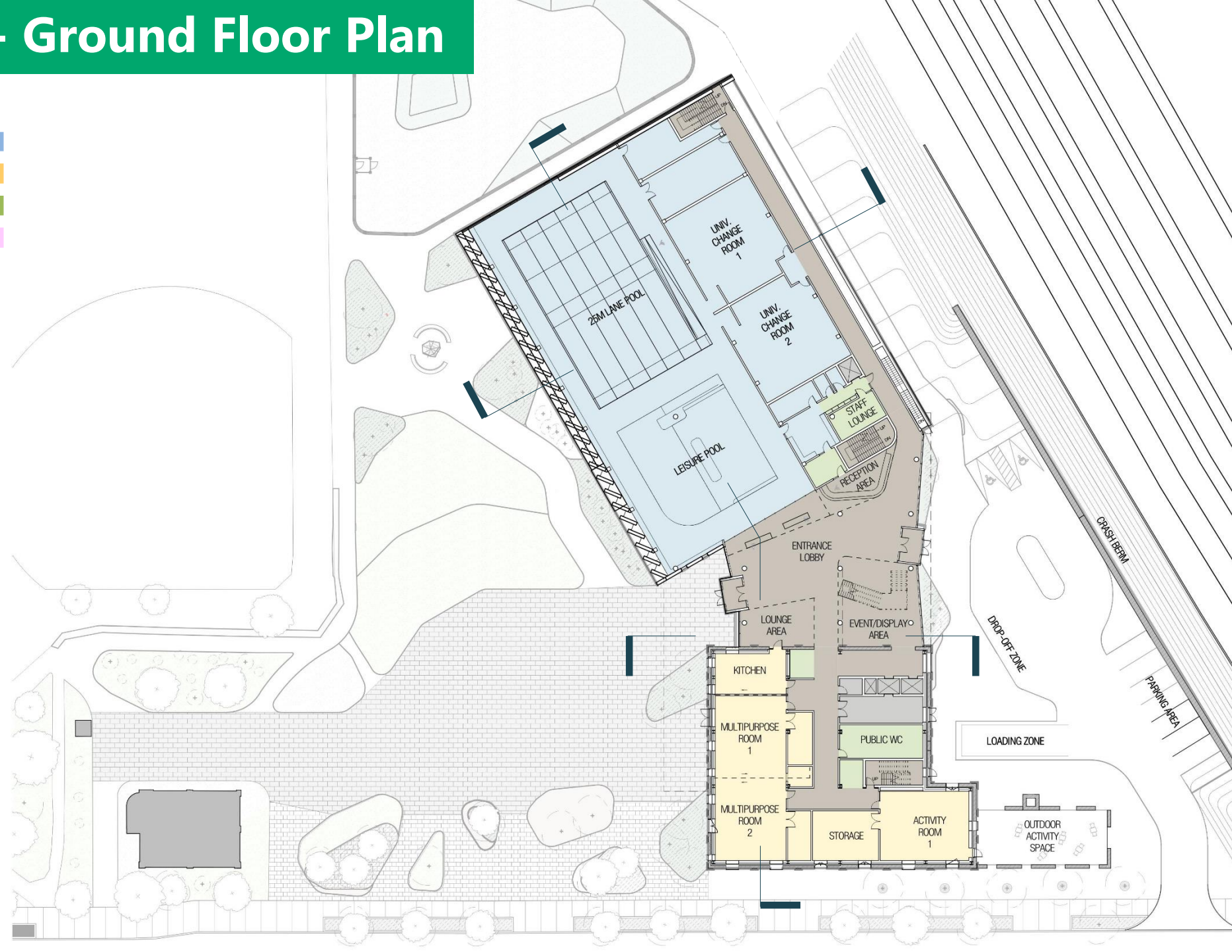
Building Design - Ground Floor Plan

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COMMON & ADMINISTRATION

GYM & FITNESS

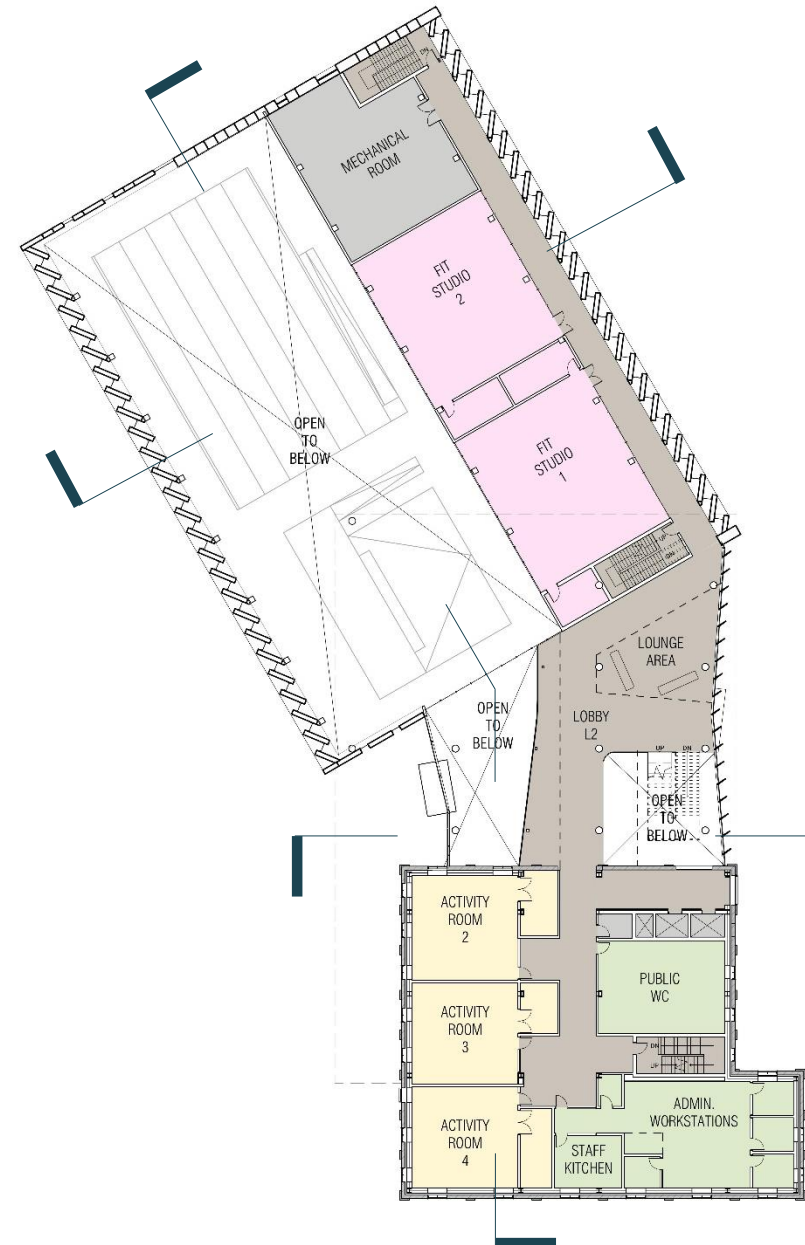


Aquatic and Lobby Views



Building Design - Second Floor Plan

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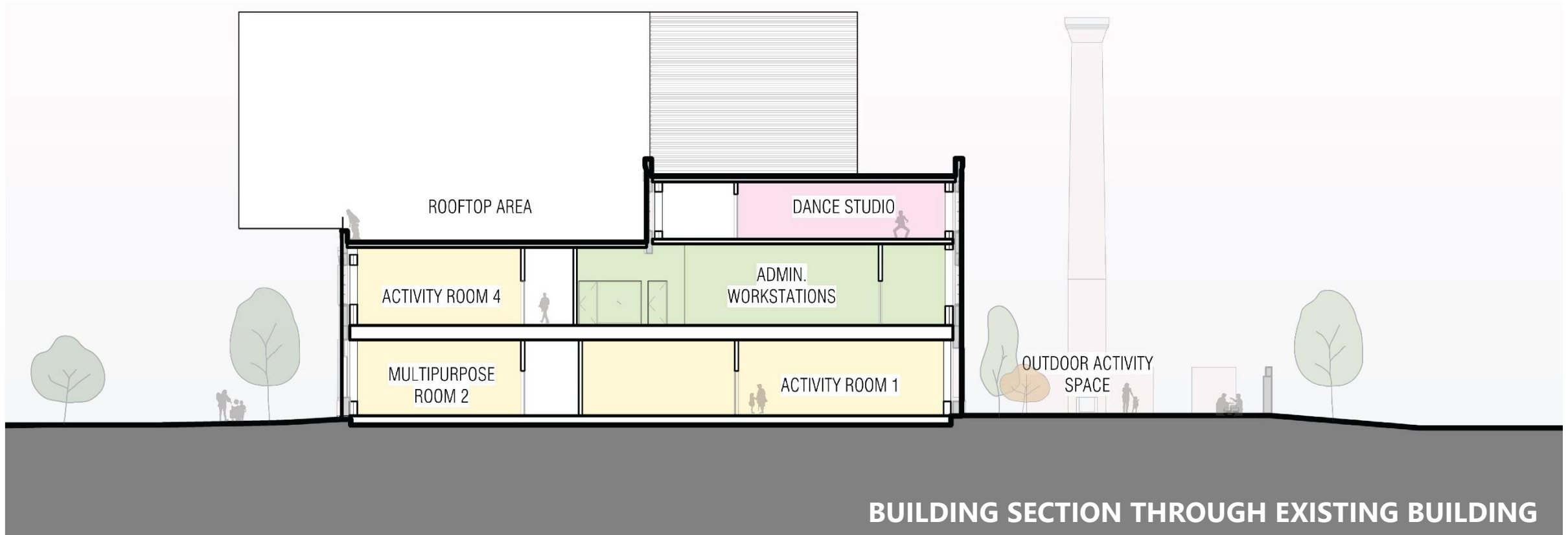
Building Design - Section

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BUILDING SECTION THROUGH EXISTING BUILDING

Multi Level Lobby Area Views



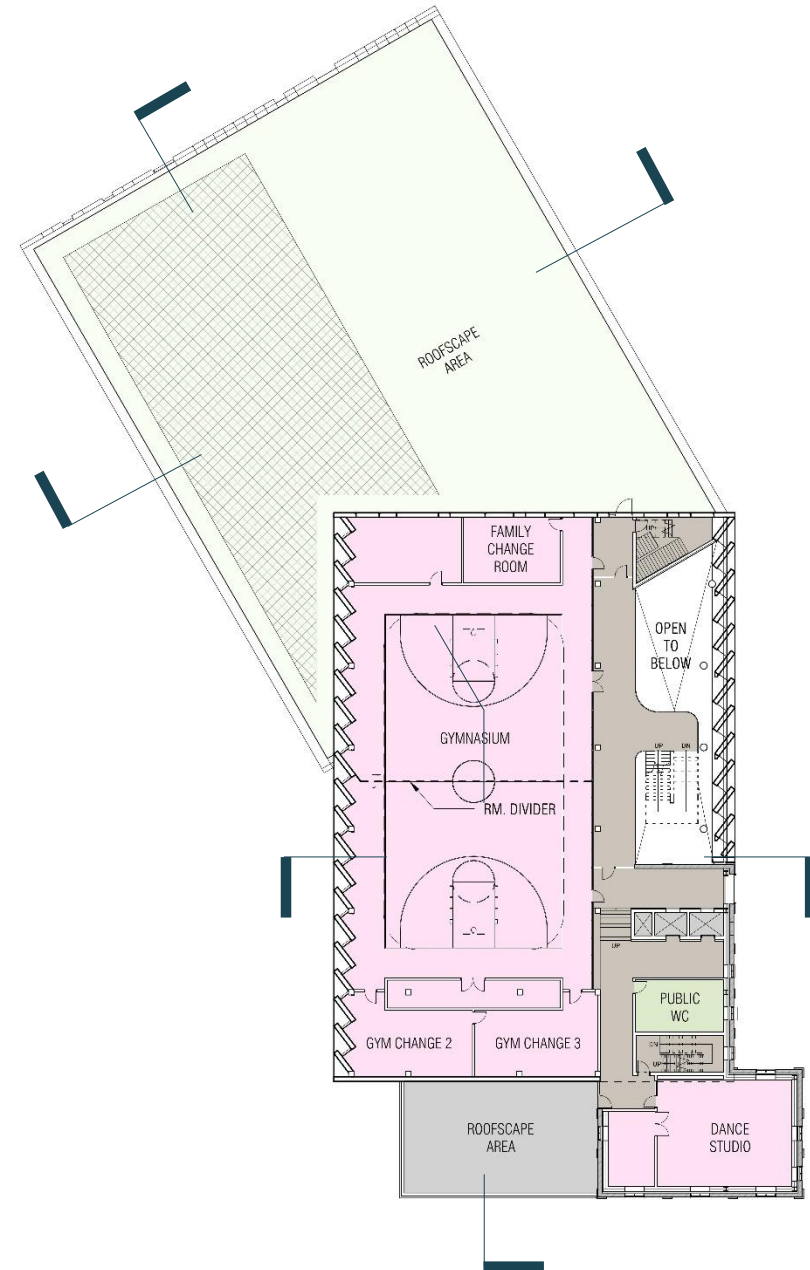
Building Design - Third Floor Plan

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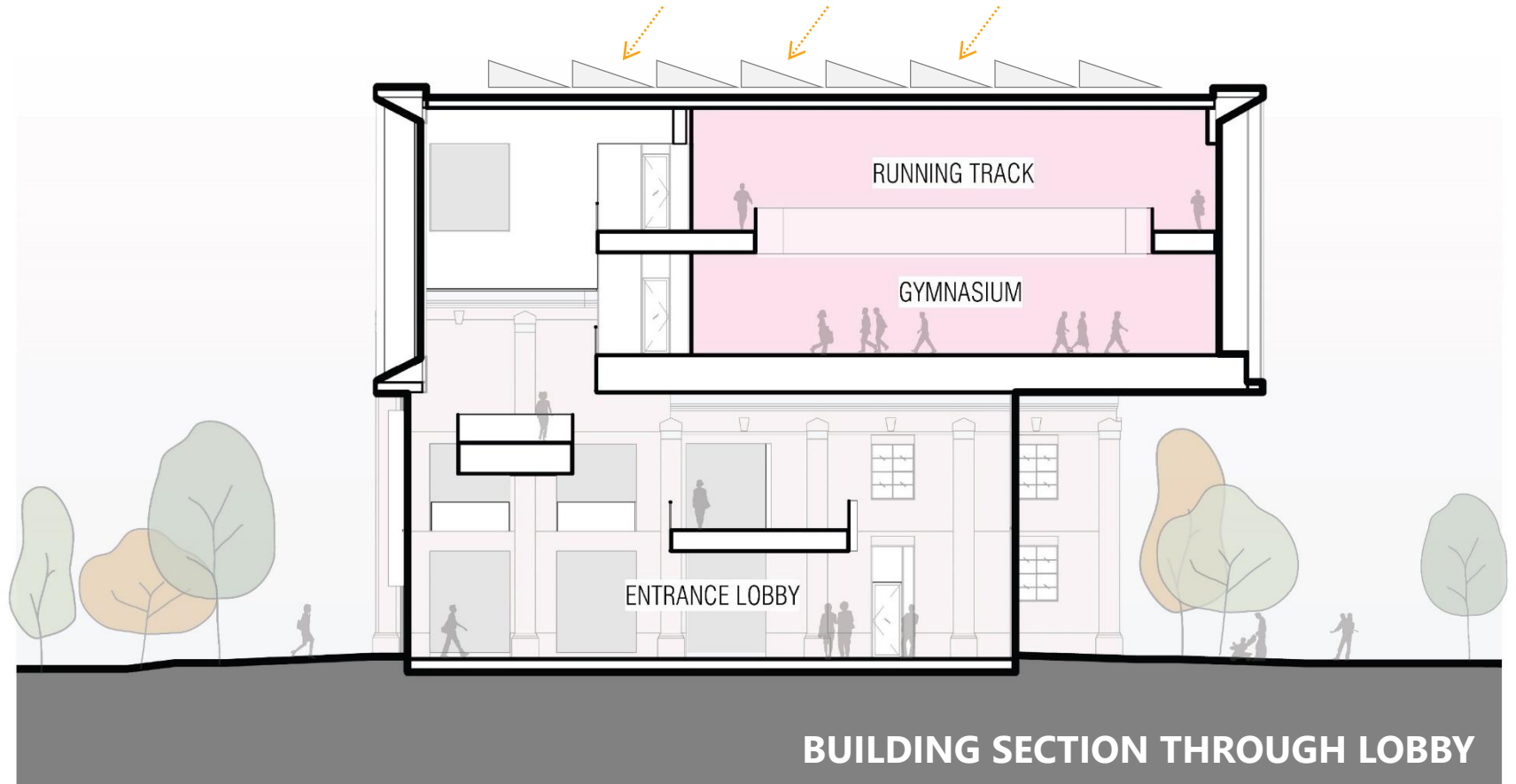
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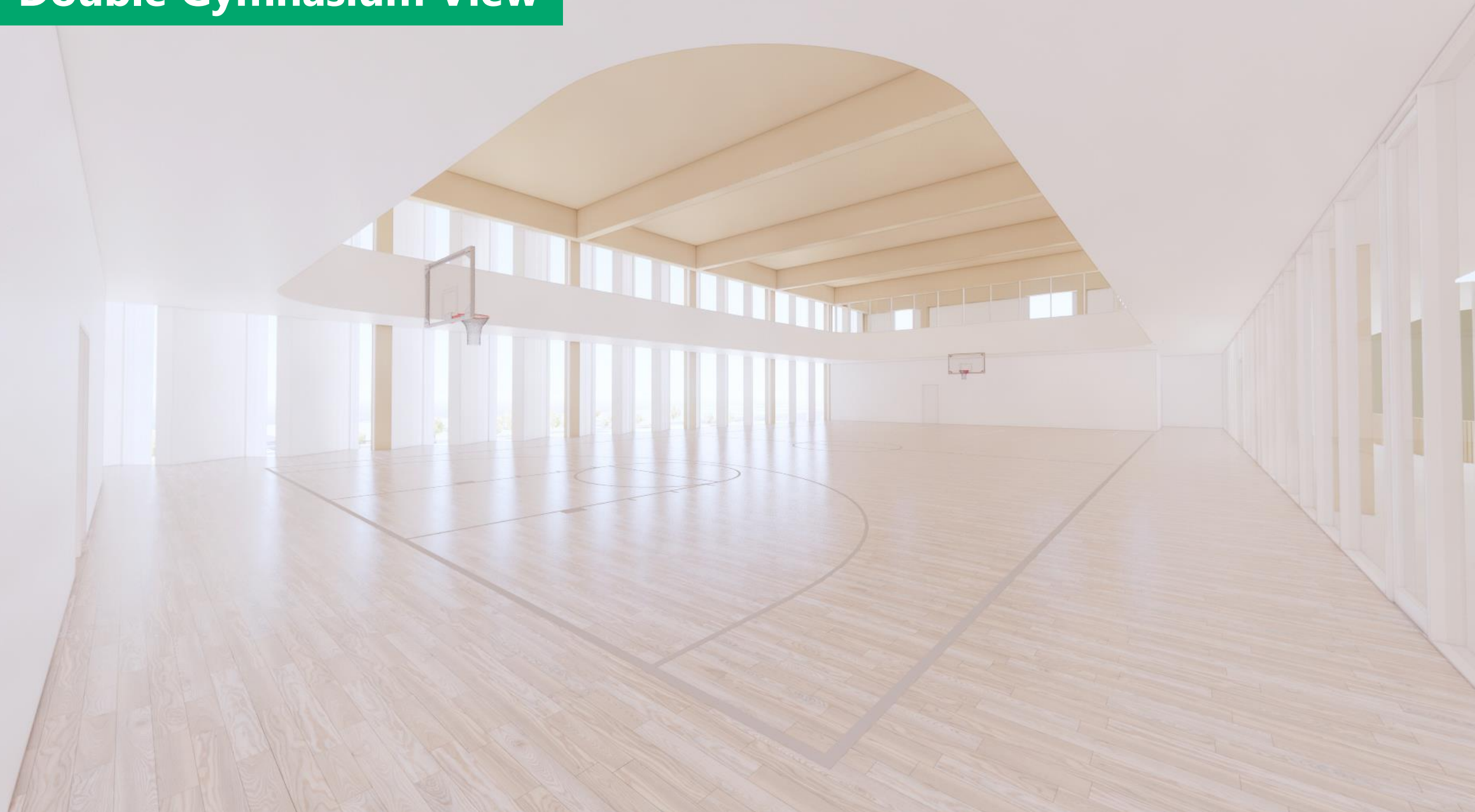
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Double Gymnasium View



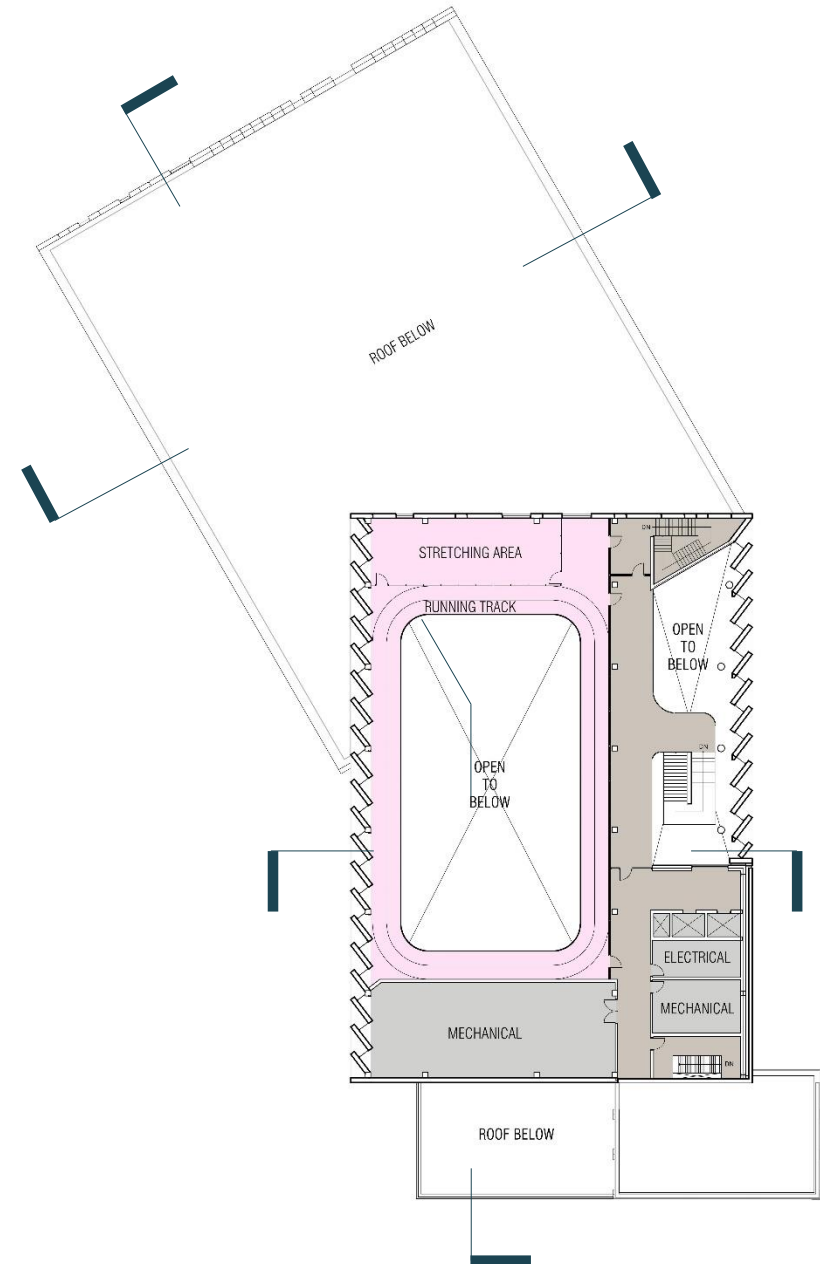
Building Design - Fourth Floor Plan

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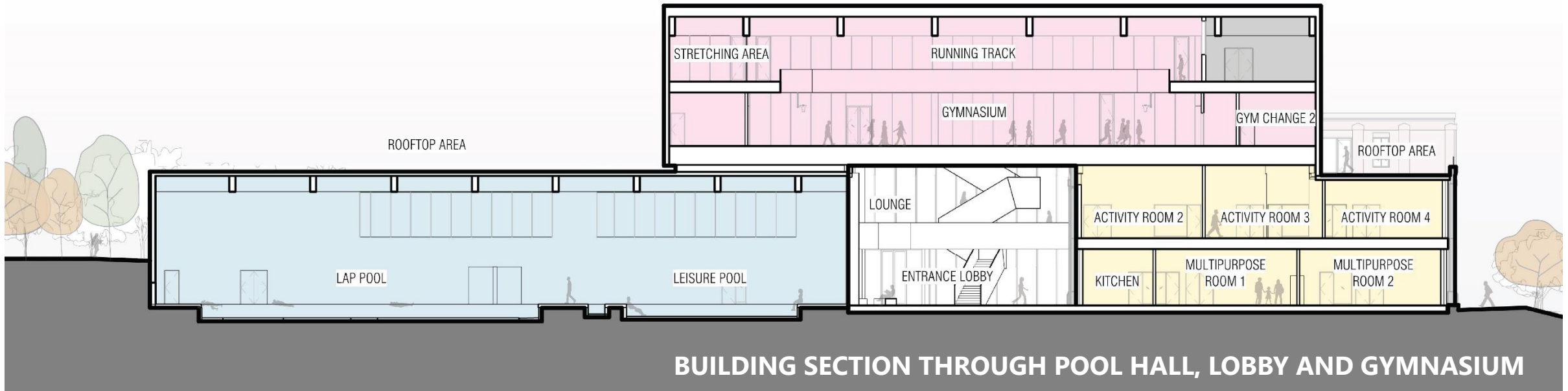
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Building Design - Wabash Avenue View



Next Steps

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- **Canoe Landing CRC tour**
- **Indigenous Advisory Circle A** – Oct. 20, 10:30 – noon.
- **Public Meeting** – November 3
 - Record the meeting and post to YouTube (auto-captioning and translation)
- **Survey** – November 3 to 17
- **Youth Engagement**
 - TBC between Nov 3 to 17. with a Focus on High school age
- **CRG Meeting B** – December 8
- **Indigenous Advisory Circle B**– TBD Early December
- **Public Art Competition**
- **Presentation to:**
 - Design Review Panel
 - Heritage Preservation Services
 - Metrolinx

Discussion

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1. What are your thoughts on the draft preferred building and landscape design?
2. What type of activities would you like to participate in at this community recreation centre? Do you have any design suggestions to support those activities?
3. Do you have any other advice for the City and the design team?

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- **Canoe Landing CRC tour** - October 25 at 9:00 am
- **Indigenous Advisory Circle A** – October 20
- **Public Meeting** – November 3
 - Record the meeting and post to YouTube (auto-captioning and translation)
- **Survey** – November 3 to 17
- **Youth Engagement**
 - November (with a focus on high school age)
- **CRG Meeting 2 of 2** – December 8
- **Indigenous Advisory Circle B**– Early December (TBC)
- **Public Art Competition**
- **Presentation to:**
 - Design Review Panel
 - Heritage Preservation Services
 - Metrolinx

Thank you!

