

City of Toronto – Parks, Forestry & Recreation

Don Mills Community Recreation Centre

Phase 2: Building a Vision Public Meeting #2 Engagement Summary

November 2023

Eli Bawuah, Senior Public Consultation Coordinator
Ashley Wilson, Senior Project Coordinator



Contents

1.0 Introduction	2
1.1 Project Background	2
1.2 Project Context	2
1.3 Project Timeline	2
1.4 Phase 2 Engagement Activities	3
2.0 Community Advisory Committee Meeting Summaries	4
2.1 Community Advisory Committee Meeting #2	4
2.1.1 Meeting Participation	4
2.1.2 Meeting Purpose	4
2.2 Community Advisory Committee Meeting #3	5
2.2.1 Meeting Participation	5
2.2.2 Meeting Purpose	5
3.0 What We Heard	6
3.1 Key Insights	6
3.2 Community Advisory Committee Meeting #2 Summary	7
3.3 Community Advisory Committee Meeting #3 Summary	8
4.0 Next Steps	12

1.0 Introduction

1.1 Project Background

A new Community Recreation Centre (CRC) is coming to the Don Mills community, near the intersection of Eglinton Avenue East and Don Mills Road.

This large, integrated, and multi-component facility will offer the diverse and growing communities of the Don Mills Corridor and beyond a range of year-round programs and services. Located at the former Celestica Lands site at 844 Don Mills Rd., the new CRC will be next to a new large park and all within walking distance of a planned Eglinton Crosstown Light Rail Transit (ECLRT) station and is part of the ongoing implementation of the [Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan](#).

1.2 Project Context

Previous Community Engagement: Recreate Don Mills

In early 2019, community and stakeholder engagements were conducted to determine the CRC location that would best meet community needs. Two location options were presented to the community.

The results indicated that locating a large ‘one-stop’ community recreation centre with arena, aquatics facilities, full gymnasium and multipurpose room uses at the former Celestica Lands (844 Don Mills Road) was preferable to two separate facilities.

Based on the outcomes of the 2019 community engagement and recommendations by City staff, City Council directed the City to [proceed with the Preferred Facility](#) on the former Celestica Lands site.

The community engagement and design process for the Don Mills CRC will consider only the amenities, programs and services within the CRC located on the former Celestica Lands. Separate community engagement processes will be held for the design and programming of the one-hectare park next to the Don Mills CRC.

1.3 Project Timeline

The anticipated schedule for this park project is as follows:

- Fall 2021 – Hire a design team
- Winter 2022 – Community engagement process starts
 - December 2022 - April 2023: Community Engagement Phase 1: Building a Vision
 - Spring - Summer 2023: Community Engagement Phase 2: Exploring Design Options
 - Fall 2023 - Winter 2023/2024: Community Engagement Phase 3: Setting the Direction
- Winter 2023/2024 – Detailed design
- Spring 2026 – Hire a construction team
- Summer 2027 – Construction starts
- Winter 2030 – Construction complete, Community Recreation Centre opens

The timeline is subject to change.

1.4 Phase 2 Engagement Activities

This phase of engagement is separated into two parts, A and B. During Phase 2a, feedback will be collected on early drafts of the design options. In Phase 2b, feedback will be collected on refined versions of the draft design options based on what the project team heard during Phase 2a.

During this phase of the community engagement process, the City and the design consultant will work off of the outcomes of Phase 1 to develop two design options for the Community Recreation Centre (CRC). These will be presented to the community for feedback, with input collected used to develop a preferred design for the CRC.

Phase 2a

Early design options and anticipated community engagement activities:

- City Recreation Staff Meeting (internal)
- Youth Meeting 2
- CAC Meeting 2
- IAG Meeting 2
- Online Survey
- Stakeholder Focus Group Meetings
- City Disability Committee Meeting (internal)

Phase 2b

Refined design options and anticipated community engagement activities:

- CAC Meeting 3
- Public Meeting 2

At the end of Phase 2, a preferred design option will be selected by community members, and design consultants will begin working on a final design for Phase 3: Setting the Direction.

2.0 Community Advisory Committee Meeting Summaries

This document provides a summary of the second virtual Public Meeting for the Don Mills Community Recreation Centre project held in Fall 2023. The summary of feedback is provided in Section 3.0.

2.1 Public Meeting #2

A second Public Meeting for the Don Mills CRC project was held virtually on Tuesday, November 7th, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

2.1.1 Meeting Participation

WHEN: November 7th, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
WHERE: Virtually on Webex
ATTENDEES: Approximately 70 members of the community
PROJECT TEAM: City of Toronto – Parks, Forestry & Recreation Division
MJMA Architect (Landscape Architect)
SAFFY (Engagement Consultant)

2.1.2 Meeting Purpose

The purpose of this meeting was to:

1. Provide an overview of the Don Mills CRC project
2. Present the Design Concept Options
3. Provide an opportunity for members of the public to ask the Project Team questions and provide feedback on the Design Concept Options
4. Next Steps

3.0 What We Heard

The following section contains a summary of the feedback received during the Phase 2 virtual Public Meeting.

3.1 Key Insights

Three key insights that have emerged from the Public Meeting are consolidated below.

MORE DETAIL REQUIRED

Throughout the meeting, participants consistently asked questions about the specifics of the Don Mills CRC, such as the length and depth of the lap pool, locations of washrooms and elevators, and provision of seating and viewing spaces. Some of the participants' questions were unable to be answered by members of the Project Team, as they were yet to be determined.

The current design iteration for the CRC did not seem satisfactory and did not provide members of the public with enough information to be satisfied with the CRC or to begin to generate more fulsome ideas around programming and amenities they wish to see included.

FOCUS ON ACTIVE RECREATION AND FITNESS SPACES

While members of the CAC and Youth Ambassadors expressed that they wish to see more multi-purpose and community-oriented spaces be integrated into the design of the Don Mills CRC, rather than some of the active recreation and fitness-oriented spaces, participants of the public meeting were keen to talk about these spaces, especially the aquatics facilities, walking / running track, and twin ice pad arenas.

This confirms that, while the active recreation spaces are not top-of-mind for all members of the community, there is still significant interest in these spaces.

CONCERNS AROUND PARKING AND TIMELINES

Participants of the public meeting echoed CAC members' concerns around the amount of parking being proposed for the Don Mills CRC. Participants were notified at the beginning of the meeting that we had heard concerns around parking and that the City of Toronto will be looking into options; however, concerns continued to be raised.

Meeting participants expressed additional recommendations around parking including security, monitoring use by non-CRC users, and the inclusion of bike storage and electric vehicle charging.

Concerns about changes to the project timeline were raised during this meeting, with participants wondering how the project could be sped up to see the CRC realized sooner.

3.2 Public Meeting #2 Summary

The following section provides a summary of participants' responses to questions integrated throughout the presentation on the virtual tool, Mentimeter. A summary of comments and questions provided by participants throughout the virtual meeting (verbally or in the chat) is provided in Section 3.2.2.

3.2.1 Responses to Mentimeter Questions

Throughout the presentation, participants were invited to respond to questions on their phones or computers about the design or programming elements they wish to see included or changed. Participants who were unable to participate using the tool were invited to share their feedback in the chat.

To ensure that participants felt comfortable using the tool, and to gather information on participants' interests and identities, participants were asked the following question:

Which of the following best describes you? (29 respondents)

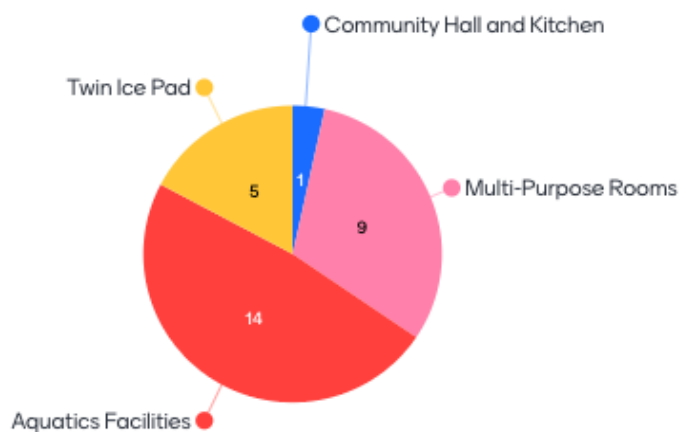
Participants could select as many responses that apply to them.

- I live nearby - 28 responses
- I work nearby - 11 responses
- I play (shop, visit parks) nearby - 18 responses
- I participate in sports nearby - 12 responses
- I attend school nearby - 1 response
- I visit faith spaces nearby - 7 responses
- I am a parent - 9 responses
- I am an Indigenous community member - 1 responses

Following the presentation of the main floor plan, participants were asked:

After seeing the main floor plans, which of the following spaces are you most excited about? (29 respondents)

Participants were asked to select one response representing the space they are most excited about.



It is worth noting that responses to this question varied quite significantly from previous engagement activities, where participants were more interested in speaking about the multi-purpose and community-oriented spaces and programs. This confirms that, while the twin ice pads and aquatics facilities are not top-of-mind for all members of the community, there is still significant interest in these spaces.

Participants were then shown precedent (example) images of the smaller multi-purpose rooms and the community hall and kitchen, with accompanying square footage and occupancy limits.

The following question was:

Which types of features, activities and programming do you think the community hall and multi-purpose rooms should have or accommodate? (16 respondents)

Responses included:

- Fitness classes (4)
 - Women's fitness (1)
 - Seniors' fitness (1)
 - Yoga for seniors (1)
- Arts and crafts (2)
 - Music (1)
- Ability to rent rooms (2)
- Health and wellness activities and education (2)
- Cooking classes (1)
- Board room and training space (1)
 - Technology classes (1)
- Party room (1)
- Game room (1)
- Social clubs (1)
 - Book clubs (1)
- Flexible, multi-use space (1)
- Preference for rooms to allow for large community meetings (1)

Participants were shown precedent images for the lobby and common areas, and asked to respond to a similar question to the above.

Which types of features, activities and programming do you think the lobby and common areas should have or accommodate? (12 respondents)

Responses included:

- Snack bar / coffee bar (3)
- Charging stations (2)
- Plenty of seating options (4)
- Community library / book swap (1)
- Clothing swap (1)
- Toy swap (1)
- Equipment rental (1)
- Water fountain (1)
- Embrace diversity (1)
- "Meet and Greet" for seniors [social program] (1)
- Indoor bicycle storage (1)

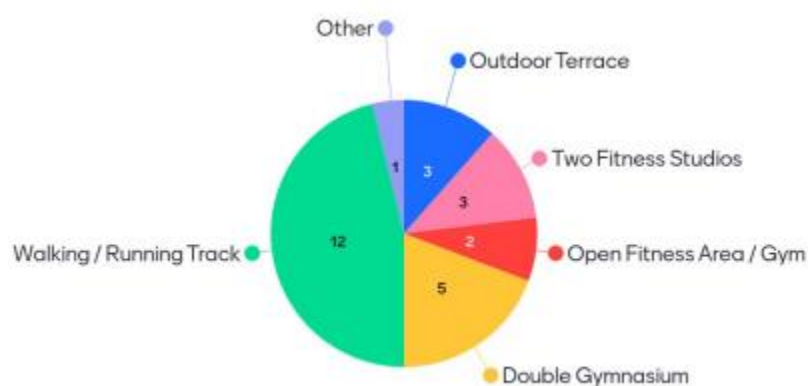
- Storage areas for community sports clubs (1)

The Project Team presented the plans for the second floor of the Don Mills CRC, and then asked:

After seeing the second floor plans, which of the following spaces are you most excited about? (26 responses)

Participants were asked to select one response representing the space they are most excited about.

Again, the preferred space identified in this question differs quite significantly from conversations with the Community Advisory Committee and Youth Ambassadors in Phase 2 of the project. These groups did not discuss the walking / running track in much detail, with a preference to focus on the community-oriented spaces, suggesting that attendees of the Public Meeting represent different user groups than those captured in other engagement activities.



Participants were shown precedent images of the double gymnasium and fitness studios, with accompanying square footage and occupancy limits, and were asked:

Which types of features, activities and programming do you think the fitness studios and double gymnasium should have or accommodate? (1 respondent)

- Fitness classes (1)

Finally, participants were presented with an overview of the Civic Colonnade design concept, precedent images and section diagrams, then asked:

Is there anything that you would like to see considered in the design of the civic colonnade? (5 respondents)

- Preference for modern design (1)
- Preference for a less obstructive design (1)
- Concerns about accessibility (1)
- Find the design concept impressive (1)
- Concerns about blocking natural light (1)
- Would like water fountains in the public realm (1)

- Natural paintings (1)
- Canadian flag (1)

3.2.2 Summary of Participant Comments and Questions

The following section provides a summary of more detailed comments provided by participants in Public Meeting #2, listed by category.

Aquatics Facilities

- Questions about the size and depth of the lap pool were addressed by the Project Team.
 - The project team specified that the pool would be 25m long, 6 lanes wide, and the depth and other amenities had not yet been confirmed.
- A couple of participants wondered how many individual changing stalls would be included in the universal change rooms. This question was addressed (the number is to be confirmed based on available space) and prompted follow-up comments:
 - One participant felt that there were not enough stalls to accommodate the number of people that might use the facility at one time.
 - One participant raised concerns about the inclusion of a universal change room, as well as shower facilities that open up onto the pool deck, citing negative experiences at other City of Toronto aquatics facilities that had universal change rooms.
 - Participants mentioned community centres and pools, such as Ethennonnhawahstihnen, Douglas Snow, Cummer, Agincourt (indoor), or Parkway Forest (outdoor) as examples of change room facilities that make them feel safe and comfortable.
- A couple of participants identified that there did not seem to be much or enough viewing space / seating areas for the aquatics facilities.
- Comment was made around the addition of two pools (leisure pool and lap pool), since there are other pools in the community.
 - A conversation occurred in the chat between two participants. One participant rebutted that the area is about to become highly populated and two pools would support the growing population. The original commented mentioned that new condominiums often include their own pools and gym facilities, but the other participant disagreed, citing the certain apartments / condos at Shops at Don Mills as an example.
- One participant suggested that the pool could open out onto the park, so that the pool effectively becomes an outdoor swimming pool in the summer.
 - The Project Team explained the complexities of this including maintaining temperature and humidity levels in the pool space, and challenges with fitting all proposed amenities in the site plan, should the location of the pool be altered.

- One participant suggested that the pool should be rented for swimming organizations to bring in additional revenue.

Twin Ice Pad Arenas

- A couple of participants identified that there may not be enough viewing space / seating areas for the twin ice pad arenas.
- A couple of participants asked if one of the ice pads could be converted to a “dry pad” for the hockey off-season to be used for ball hockey or indoor soccer. Several participants agreed that this would be a preferred use.
 - Some participants mentioned that indoor soccer during winter would be appreciated.

Community Hall and Kitchen

- One participant felt that the tentative occupancy for 175 people (seated) would not be enough for a community meeting.
- One participant suggested that a theatre, performance hall and/or concerts be included in the community hall.
- One participant suggested several seniors-focused programming for the community hall, including book clubs, gentle exercise, card games like bridge or euchre, lectures and cognitive programs.

Lobby and Common Areas

- Several participants had questions about the locations of public washrooms, change rooms, team rooms, elevators, stairs, viewing areas and more.
 - The Project Team walked participants through the site plan in more depth to answer any questions about locations / features of these amenities.
- Several participants mentioned that having a community coffee shop would be a great amenity in the lobby.
- One participant mentioned concerns around noise in the lobby due to hockey games and amount of open, linear space.
- Places to charge phones

Fitness Spaces

- A couple of participants expressed concerns about people having to cross over the walking / running track to access amenities on the second floor (concerns about collisions).
 - An additional concern was equipment from the open fitness area rolling onto the track and presenting a hazard for walkers / runners.

- One participant presented an idea to raise the walking / running track to a third level, which would overlook the gym spaces, and many participants appreciated this alternative.
 - The Project Team addressed this idea, citing challenges of cost and logistics, but noted that they would look into this as an option.
- One participant expressed their perspective that walking / running tracks in existing CRCs in the city are often used as “viewing spaces” by the general public, which creates conflict with people trying to use the track.

Parking and Traffic

- A couple of participants wondered whether there would be free or paid parking at the Don Mills CRC, with one citing the \$5/hour parking at Ethennonnhawahstihnen Community Centre.
- One participant suggested that the parking garage be monitored to ensure it is only used by users of the CRC, and to prevent people from parking at the CRC in order to take transit (LRT).
 - Another person mentioned that there should be monitoring for safety reasons.
- A couple of participants requested that secure bicycle parking (e.g., cages) be provided.
- One participant requested that electric vehicle charging stations be included in the parking garage.
- One participant requested that there be a drop off lane in front of the CRC for people (especially seniors) to be dropped off.

Civic Colonnade

- One participant suggested that a large screen could be integrated into the colonnade so that movies could be played in the park / CRC public realm in the summer months. Several participants agreed that this would be a preferred use.
- One participant suggested that the colonnade could recognize the athletes named on the new streets in the community.

Sustainability

- A couple of participants mentioned sustainability amenities such as solar panels, EV charging, and community gardens.
- A couple of participants expressed that they appreciated the commitment to net zero carbon.

Timelines

- A couple of participants expressed dissatisfaction that the project had been delayed and wondered what could be done to speed up the process.

Miscellaneous

- One participant mentioned that it would be beneficial if youth employment was encouraged at the Don Mills CRC.
- One participant asked that the Don Mills CRC be dedicated to and serve as a tribute to the Don Mills Community, where residents have been waiting for a new community centre for decades. In addition, the CRC could acknowledge the fact that Don Mills is Canada's first planned community.

3.2.3 Responses from the Project Team

This section contains responses to participants' questions that were unable to be answered fully during the public meeting.

- Why was the project delayed?
- What can members of the public do to advance the project timeline?
- What are the hours of the Don Mills CRC?
- Given that community centres are often used as a space for refuge in case of emergencies, will there be any particular provisions made for the Don Mills CRC?
- How will the additional traffic coming to and from the Don Mills CRC be managed?
- Who will manage security inside the Don Mills CRC?
- Will parking provided in the underground parking garage be paid or free?
- Could infrastructure on the roof be included for a community garden and/or solar panels?
- Is there any potential to heat the pool and the rest of the building using a geothermal heating system?
- Will there only be a universal change room or will there be an option for gendered change rooms?
- Will there be a daycare included in the Don Mills CRC?
- Will the track have slightly banked corners to reduce risk of ankle/knee injuries?
- Will both of the ice pads be operating in summer?
- How will the permitting of the rink work?
- How will storage requirements, office space, etc. be managed for organizations using the twin ice pads?
- Will there be a skate sharpening facility?
- Will the Don Mills Civitan Hockey Association be relocating to the new arenas?

4.0 Next Steps

The feedback received in Phase 2 of community engagement will be used to refine the design of the Don Mills Community Recreation Centre. An updated design will be shared with the public in community engagement Phase 3: Preferred Option.

To be notified about upcoming engagement opportunities, visit the [project webpage](#) to sign up for e-updates.



Appendix A: List of All Participant Comments and Questions

Note that most comments and questions listed are verbatim, unless identifiable information was included. Comments were only edited to remove identifiers.

- Question - A) Why has this project opening date been delayed into the 2030s? B) What can we do to bring this project back to original completion date of 5 years from now in 2027?
- This project doesn't appear to be a priority for the city as it keeps getting delayed, we need shovels in the ground asap.
- C) why is this project not a serious priority for the city?
- Thank you!
- Thank you Councillor Burnside, your voice and dedication to push this project forward is appreciated.
- Hello all, thank you for this presentation. It's fantastic to see that the City is building additional swimming pool space.
- My question is what the City plans to do with the leased facilities that they currently hold in agreement with the TDSB. Many of those pools sit empty throughout the year.
- Does "universal change room" mean that the decision has already been made that there will ONLY be a universal change room? No further discussion about having a separate women-only change room?
- Not sure about 2 pools given there is a pool currently at the Community Centre at St Dennis and Deauville.
- What happened to the plan for a running track?
- 2 pools would be great, this area will become heavily populated. Over 70 high rise condos proposed / built between Eglinton and bayview and Eglinton and warden. Ontario Line and Eglinton LRT will (hopefully) be open before the community Centre is bringing in lots of people.
- Could we see infrastructure on the roof for a community garden and/or solar paneling for sustainability themes
- Good points but Condos generally come with their own pools and gyms
- How will the additional traffic coming to/from the Centre be managed? The area is already jammed with traffic and the intersection of Don Mills and Eglinton is chaotic.
- AH, not really. The apartments at the SHOPS don't have any pools; they were expecting pool availability at the original Community Centre that was planned for the SHOPS
- None of the aspens ridge development at the celestica site (16 high rise towers and hundreds of towns) dont have any pools being built
- given the vast surrounding parkland - one would think the space wouldn't have to sacrifice facilities for parkland - the pool spaces seem to be smaller than originally planned - making way for all that the 2 NHL sized arenas need - they would need snack bar(s) - didn't see if they were in the plans... etc...
- Also with the Ontario line and Eglinton Lrt, it may be easier to get to this community Centre instead of another community Centre which May be closer from a distance perspective - have to keep that in mind too
- Parking is an easy solution... not rocket science. Just add a underground for parking.
- Right now nothing is planned below grade / ground - parking can occupy that space.
- type is hard to read on the diagram
- Hi Al! we do have below grade parking planned, as you'll see in the presentation today.
- I may have missed the beginning but where is the potential site located?
- How many spaces are planned for the below grade parking?

- are years away from this project starting, so, is this to say we are going to extend the use the Don Mills arena
- Mills arena even longer?????
- Given the limited time we have, why are we talking about what didn't work?
- Is this project open for new activities? I would like to propose an alternative physical activity practice to promote fitness, well-being and social integration to whom or where should I direct this proposal?
- Firstly, the planning of the CC ends in 2024. Therefore, construction should begin in 2025 not 2027 (as I think was mentioned in the presentation). This is not acceptable. Secondly, what is the size of the pool? Douglas Snow Aquatic Centre is 50M, Pam McConnell Aquatic pool is 25 M . Don Mills pool should be at least 25M and accommodate lane swimming. Pool should also open onto park so indoor pool becomes outdoor pool in the summer.
- where is the seating area to watch the games?????
- multi purpose rooms should be segregated for men and women
- Is it possible to stack the rinks?
- Agreed, construction needs to begin 2025, and the pool needs to be at least 25m. We cannot cheap out building community centres, Jenner is a shame and a waste of money.
- Very important to remember, the city has delayed this project into the 2030s ... this is assuming everything goes to their plan.
- No you did not answer the question.
- Very impressive use of the ground floor space. Hard to imagine so many different types of amenities in the same facility.
- What is community hall and kitchen for? Is there food service being provided?
- where are the public washrooms on each floor, coat closets, storage for strollers etc
- 299 seating for arena not enough. no seating for pool area that i can see
- 200 seating for arena too small
- is there access to the park directly from the kitchen so it can be used for larger activities in the park?
- How long is the main pool that would be the lane swim pool? How many people could it hold? Also, how many individual change cubicles are in the plan. It's too small to see it.
- theater, concerts
- performance hall
- how many parking spaces?
- senior programming to include, book clubs, aqua fit, gentle exercise for seniors, card games, bridge euchre, lectures, cognitive programs
- 175 people seated may not be large enough for a community meeting discussion.
- Will this CC have good sun exposure?
- Direct sun
- Won't the lobby be cold/expensive to heat with open access to the arenas?
- Will there be a charge to park? For example, the new Ethennonnhawahstihnen Community Centre at Bessarion has a Green P underground parking lot. \$5 an hour.
- Parking? Is there any, and how many spots?
- A really good community coffee shop, IT ports, free wifi
- hi, can we have secure cages for parking bicycles with access code
- Regarding parking - they will need to be monitored that non users of the community Centre don't use... like at Fairview mall people park there and then take the bus. Same thing shouldn't happen here with the Eglinton lrt and Ontario line

- there is lots of noise generated at a hockey game, quiet areas in the lobby are not compatible
- Check out the TNO youth hub, and see how often the "nooks" are being used.
- The Youth living in this community needs jobs.
- Think workforce development
- Who's managing the security inside the Centre - given how many people will be inside?
- sure. thanks . also secure bicycle lockers , cages
- Does the swimming pool have an viewing gallery or upstairs balcony?
- seating in lobby looks linear not in quad groupings, seniors can have hearing impairment it looks to me that the lobby could be noisy
- Hard to see these small pictures.
- pickleball
- If there is women only swim times, how will privacy be addressed with those on track?
- where are public washrooms on second floor
- The names of the streets in the area or any names of bldgs should be listed for previous DMRI presidents and community figures in Don Mills
- North American Charging Stations in the parking facility for EVs please. Again let's promote sustainability
- Walk track where public can cross it?...CRASH!!!
- Open fitness space creates potential risk to those jogging/running the track if equipment rolls onto track... (How large is the track?)
- need seating to watch a hockey game, grandparents can not stand for that long
- should raise the running track as a 3rd level and can overlook gym areas
- Arena seating...heated please!
- Agree about the 3rd level re running track
- Areas for events for seniors??
- Where is the basement / below grade floor plan?
- Open fitness should be an enclosed space - the running track needs to have something to separate it from the fitness area or you'll have people wandering onto the track
- serious runners will not want people walking all over the track
- Do we have a basketball court ?
- I think that you need space between the gym and pool viewing upstairs... There needs to be balance between viewing for the pool, but also agree with - that privacy should be a priority if female only programs are running
- yes, there's a double gymnasium (basketball court) on the second floor
- For real, if you actually surveyed youth in Flemingdon or Thorncliffe Park you would have had a basketball court
- Walkers on the inside runners on the outside
- A basketball court would be amazing. Many, many of the youth in this community play basketball - it's a huge thing.
- Cricket is huge in the community as well - perhaps this can be in the Park??
- A basketball court for sure
- is that the only elevator , no escalator?
- Looks like no seating for fans in either arena.
- there are stairs and an elevator to the second floor, but not escalator
- Any change rooms for hockey teams and skaters?
- Unfortunately existing PFR walking/jogging tracks get used as "viewing spaces" by the general public creating issues for those who are walking, running, jogging...

- For the off season arena. A dry pad availability in the spring/summer months to accommodate Ball Hockey groups.
- Could include a community health center since there are many senior and young families...
- where are change rooms for multi purpose rooms for yogs etc
- Storage space for chairs, dividers, zamboni, equipment seems lacking
- with all the people parkim
- I agree with dry pads for ball hockey.
- off season hockey arena use is CRITICAL.
- parking is totally inadequate, need a drop off lane in front of building especially for seniors
- There is a community health centre located at Don Mills and Overlea/Gateway Blvd
- Community Residents would love to have indoor walking tracks during winter season
- are the washrooms uni sex and are there any public washrooms on the first floor
- Public washrooms for visitors or watchers.
- too many columns, hazardous to young kids running around
- Would be nice if a large screen can be installed for summertime documentary or movie viewing from the park side
- that's a good idea
- where is bike parking
- Agreed like the idea of outdoor family movie (weather permitting)
- It will be great to include Don Mills Family health Team (a community health center) which serve 25000 community members/patients.
- front entrance needs drop off zone and temporary parking , so walkers can be off loaded for seniors
- great idea with including the Don Mills Family health Team
- Parking...perhaps it is underground?
- It would be nice if the pool was on that side of the building so the doors could open in the summer so it could give the feeling of outdoor pool.
- colonnade could recognize the athletes named on the new streets in the neighbourhood
- solar panels on roof?
- YES net zero carbon !!!
- Would the pool be deep enough for diving training ?
- Wood...rotting...fire hazard
- Also is the pool the same size as the one at the Regent Park?
- great idea on renewable timbers vs concrete
- regarding your Flemo / don mills integration. Issue is Flemo is being gentrified. Lots of rentals and green space, science Centre are being demolished and condos being moved in. I can only imagine how Flemo will look like in the 2030s once Ontario Line / Eglinton Lrt are there.
- Is pool 1/4 length olympic or 1/2 length olympic or full olympic size.
- where is the diving board 3 m and 10 m diving structure
- If could add another level of the building that include Don Mills FHT, that benefit the community a lot. The FHT has dietitian, educator, nurses, physicians, mental health worker, social workers...
- 1/2 sized pool -
- How many swimmers will that hold?
- agreed. There will always be lifers.
- 2 full sized arenas - hmmm

- Do the designers have examples of similar projects that they have built, and are currently being used?
- Will the leisure pool have a slide or any water features for kids?
- Don Mills Arena was designed by award winning designer, but glass natural light proved a problem as it melts ice with spot sun areas.
- Unfortunately many of the Flemo folks will never utilize this project. This is going to be prime real estate due to Ontario Line / EG Lrt. \$\$\$
- 72 parking stalls is clearly not enough.
- the Leaside pool is 75 Metres - much better for lane swimming - 25 isn't serious swimming
- you do not drop off an 8 yr old in an underground garage
- We could have a community hub including many nonprofit community agencies.
- Leaside pool is 25 meters or 25 yards. Half the size of Douglas Snow.
- Only access to arenas and Chang rooms by elevator? What about ramps?
- Amazing that it's an 8 lane lap pool, but most 25M pools in the city are 6 lane. You might consider using some of that space for viewing/changing (can't believe I'm advocating for a smaller pool!).
- Quick gloss over parking just now..."drop off or park" please clarify parking questions...under ground? Above? Charges? Number of spaces?
- A comment, 72 parking spaces does not seem adequate.
- 2031 - that is unacceptable
- Assuming delays we are looking at mid 2030s
- could we consider off site parking fwith a convenient short distance electric bus like what is seen with Evergreen Brick Works and Ikea
- Will Don Mills Arena still be operating until facility opens in 2030?
- Budget issue? There is money just have to find it
- is the civitaton arena staying open tilll 2031
- you will be lucky if this opens in 2031
- Is this timing 2025-2030 in line with the other developments happening adjacent or it is later than those?
- this project can be done years earlier, issue is \$ budget
- Each pool has a max capacity. What is it as you have shown it?
- The capacity at any given time will depend on the number of Lifeguards on duty (max 30 people to 1 gaurd)
- seniors will not use hthe underground drop off
- Will there be a daycare centre built-in to the Rec Centre?
- So will underground parking be free, or charges?
- There are 4 days cares at don mills and Eglinton being built (2 at Aspen ridge project and 2 at the create to project on the south east and west corner)
- are there lockable lockers in all change rooms
- I think a priority should be pool rentals/leases for swim schools and clubs. This would also be cost saving for the City, while bringing in revenue for rentals.
- each lane pool area needs three lanes. One for each swimmer and a lane in the middle to pass slower swimmers. Three designated lane swimming areas listed as slow, medium, fast. Would be helpful to check out the pool at the Ethennonnhawahstihnen Community Ctr.
- daycare/child minding

- Can we consider outdoor amenities. Jungle Gym for kids and interactive amenities such as at June Rowlands Park (Davisville & Mt Pleasant). Exercise stations (chin ups, dips, balance beams, etc).
- Is there any potential to heat the pool and the rest of the building using geothermal heating system?
- Most definitely check out the new Community centre on Sheppard Ave between Bayview and Leslie
- Based on the square footage above ground of the Recreation Centre, the parking underground is disproportionate. This will basically ensure that mostly residents within walking distance, i.e. the new CrossTown developments will be the beneficiaries of the centre and not necessarily Flemingdon residents/ others. Are there options?
- Covered Walkway Would Be Great For Winters
- Arenas are also great for figure skating programs!
- No hockey needs two arenas. Hockey, Leisure, Lessons. etc.
- Agree, one indoor soccer space for winter would have been nice.
- what are the hours of the CRC?
- Will arenas be operating in summer?
- YES to indoor soccer. There is nothing in the area.
- indoor tennis in one of the rinks
- I don't think the DM Civitan has that many useful years left before the ceiling falls on hockey players heads.
- Question - what can we as the public do to make the project open sooner as originally planned?
- the lrt is too far away to walk with a 25 to 50 lb hockey bag -- 10 min walk..
- There are hockey bags with wheels!
- All children deserve to have fun and to get a chance to play.Can AODA Accessible Playground be considered ?
- 72 parking spots do not seem adequate for such a large facility.
- What consideration for Team Bus Parking for tournaments coming from all over -
- How will the permitting of the rink work? We have seen a hybrid approach in new facilities - by board/committee and/or City permit office. Also thinking of community sports groups will larger allocations (e.g. a house league) and how to manage storage requirements / office/registration space, etc..
- where and how do the hockey clubs collect their entrance fees to the games
- will there be blade friendly walking path from change rooms to arena's?
- is there a skate sharpening facilities
- Bike Storage - safe locking area is important if parking is limited.
- This has been an ongoing debate for a pool and community centre for 40 years
- agree need separate facilities for men and women changing rooms
- Privacy should definitely be taken care of
- yes i think Ethennonnhawahstihnen got it right. Private change areas for all swimmers
- Also agree that privacy and security need to be a higher priority...
- individual change rooms not large group areas
- do you have senior ambassadors ?, as I dont find the design senior friendly whatsoever
- Will the Don Mills Civitan Hockey Association be relocating to the new arenas?
- Please dedicate and decorate this community centre in a tribute to Don Mills as we have lost a previous planned community centre and our hockey rink that has served the first planned community in Canada, Don Mills. Don Mills has a history and it should be

recognized for all peoples in Don Mills who have waited decades for this. Some passing before they would ever get a chance to see this completed.

- Rinks are stacked at numerous other facilities
- Parking shouldn't be free!
- most hockey arenas do not charge parking
- if you have underground parking, will this area be under surveillance for protection. Many are very concerned about underground parking for safety reasons in the area
- Men and women should be able to shower separately if they wish. The Ethennonhawahstihnen pool has only one mixed shower. The pools at Douglas Snow, Cummer, Agincourt (indoor), or Parkway Forest (outdoor) have it right. People have the choice to change in an open area (for men or women separately) if they wish, or in the available cubicles in each of the 3 areas.
- is there going to be an outdoors track?
- Having a raised walking track (like Cummer) will avoid collisions and injuries.
- Women-only swimming was mentioned. I would point out that although some pools have this, the hours are very limited.
- Will the track have slightly banked corners to reduce risk of ankle/knee injuries?
- elevator capacity?
- Given that community centres are often used as a refuge in the case of emergencies, will there be any particular provisions made for this community centre?
- Hickey equipment is heavy and bulky...stairs not desirable...elevator will only accommodate a couple at a time...escalator great consideration, or ramps.
- when will we know about changes to parking and at ground level drop off areas
- Can we get the recording of this meeting?