

Phase 2 Pop-up Engagement Summary Report

Lawrence Heights Community Recreation Centre and Child Care Centre
June and July 2024





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Introduction

The City of Toronto is designing a new Community Recreation Centre and Child Care Centre for the Lawrence Heights Community. The Community Recreation Centre (CRC) will be one of the City's newest and largest community centres. Community engagement is an important part of the process and the City has launched a three-phase engagement process to help inform the design, features, and programming of the new CRC. We are currently in the second phase of the engagement, which is focused on presenting and seeking feedback on the draft proposed designs for the new CRC. Part of the engagement process for this phase is hosting in-person pop-ups at key community locations.

This report summarizes feedback captured at the pop-ups hosted by the City between June and July 2024. This summary was written by Third Party Public Inc., an independent facilitation team supporting the City of Toronto's community engagement about the new Lawrence Heights CRC. The intent of this summary is to capture the range of feedback shared at the pop-ups, and not to assess the merit or accuracy of the feedback.

For more information about the project and to review summaries from previous community engagement activities, visit the project webpage: toronto.ca/LawrenceHeights.

Pop-up Overview

Between June and July 2024, the City of Toronto's Parks Forestry and Recreation Division (PFR) hosted four pop-up public consultations in the Lawrence Heights neighbourhood. These pop-ups were focused on seeking feedback from the general public and youth on the draft proposed designs for the new Lawrence Heights CRC, including feedback on the draft proposed layout for the overall site, feedback on the layout for each floor, and what other design features people would like to see included in key spaces.

The questions we asked people included:

- Which else, if anything, should be included in the design for the key spaces?
- Does the draft design for the key spaces adequately reflect the vision, principles, and big moves?

The four community pop-ups included:

- **Location:** [Unison Health & Community Services](#)
Date and Time: June 5 (3:30 to 4:30 pm)
Community Interactions: About 20 youth (through the Pathways to Education program). Youth were engaged through one-on-one and small groups conversations.
- **Location:** [Lawrence Heights Community Recreation Centre, 5 Replin Road](#)
Date and Time: July 8 (1 to 4 pm)
Community Interactions: 130 youth through the CampTO program and about 15 members of the public. About 130 youth aged 4 to 12 years participating in the CampTO program at the current CRC were engaged. After the engagement with youth, members of the public were also engaged in the lobby of the CRC.
- **Location:** [Columbus Centre](#)
Date and Time: July 12 (5 to 7 pm)



Community Interactions: About 60 community members, including many seniors. The pop-up was hosted at the community barbeque organized by the Eglinton-Lawrence (Ward 8) Councillor's office.

- **Location:** [Lawrence West TTC Station](#)
Date and Time: July 18 (3:30 to 5:30 pm)
Community Interactions: About 90 community members.

Key Themes in the Feedback

Excitement for the new CRC and general support for the draft design

Many people we spoke to said that they were looking forward to a larger CRC with improved facilities and increased capacity to serve the community. A lot of support was expressed for the draft designs presented and many, including youth, said that they were glad to see their feedback from Phase 1 of the engagement being incorporated in the design.

As a whole, the people we spoke to were particularly interested in designs for the aquatics space, gymnasium, fitness and weights space, and the community kitchen.

Youth were particularly interested in designs for the aquatics space, music recording space and rehearsal space, youth technology hub, and the multi-purpose rooms.

Three themes of feedback that emerged as priorities for the participants were:

- **Accessibility:** making the spaces accessible for seniors and people with disabilities, including children with disabilities
- **Cultural identity:** ensuring the design reflects the unique cultural identity of the Lawrence Heights community.
- **Reflective of needs:** ensuring the facility and its amenities are designed to meet the everyday needs of the local community.

Detailed Feedback

This section captures detailed feedback on the draft proposed overall design of the new Community Recreation Centre, as well as feedback on the key spaces.

A green star indicates feedback shared specifically by youth, as well as sentiments shared by youth and the general public.

Feedback on the overall design

- ★ **Overall, community members said they were excited to see the draft proposed designs for the new Community Centre**, and glad to see community feedback from phase 1 of engagement reflected in the draft proposed designs.
- ★ **Many participants appreciated that the new CRC will be larger and have facilities with increased capacity.** They said a larger CRC is needed to serve the community and ensure more people can access the facilities.
 - **Many focused on physical accessibility of the new CRC for seniors and people with disabilities, including children with disabilities.** They said that the design should comply with AODA guidelines, as well as special considerations for seniors with physical or cognitive disabilities or limitations. Some suggestions to achieve this included: ensuring that people using mobility aids (such as wheelchairs) can access all facilities and spaces, including audible as well as written instructions for using different facilities, and ensuring there are handrails and guards to assist seniors in using the aquatics space.

Feedback on the key spaces

Aquatics space

- ★ **Appreciation for the aquatics space having both a swimming pool and a therapeutic pool.** Some participants emphasized that the swimming pool should have capacity enough so that people of different age groups, including youth can use it at the same time.
- ★ **Many participants liked that the indoor swimming pool would provide an opportunity to use the facilities year round.** However, one participant expressed strong concern about the new building not having an outdoor pool, as there seem to be less opportunities for communities to spend time outdoors.

- ★ **Ensure that the family change rooms have private and safe spaces for girls and women.** Some participants also said that the label 'family change' was confusing and needed more clarity.
 - **Include design features that allow for privacy while women are using the aquatics space/pool.**
- ★ Other features suggested for the aquatics space include: hot tubs, spa features, play features like water slides, and handrails for accessibility.

Gymnasium

- ★ **Include seating areas** like bleachers where community members can come to watch sports.
- ★ **Provide equipment for different sports and activities**, including track, javelin, discus, relay batons, shot put, medicine balls, and starting blocks.
- ★ **Include in the design semi-private spaces** where women can work out or women's-only time in the gym.

Multi-purpose rooms

- ★ **Include quiet, enclosed areas** that can be used by youth to study or read, and for prayers.
- ★ **Include a mirrored wall and a ballet barre** in the dance space.
- ★ **Other features and facilities suggested for the multi-purpose space include:** fridges and microwaves, space to screen and project movies, arts room and arts supplies (with basic supplies like paints, canvases, etc.) and small library space with magazine and books.

Community kitchen and garden

- ★ **Many participants appreciated the connection between kitchen and the multi-purpose space.**
- ★ **The kitchen should include spaces and appliances to teach cooking**, especially to youth.
 - **Facilities and appliances in the kitchen should be adaptable** in a way that is accessible for people using mobility aids.
- ★ **Provide multiple kitchen appliances** like fridges and microwaves, so that many people can use the space at once. Participants would also like to see facilities for baking.

Youth spaces

- ★ **Provide a range of learning and technology equipment in the youth technology space.** Suggestions included: desktop computers, iPads and other

devices with technology and software which can be used by children and youth of all age groups including those who wish to pursue STEM degrees. Also consider providing vinyl and colour printers, and 3D printers.

- ★ **The music recording space should include musical instruments and equipment and set-up for recording podcasts.** Musical instruments suggested were piano and drum-kits – instruments youth do not typically have at home.
- ★ **Provide a range of games that youth can enjoy in the youth lounge/youth social spaces,** including air hockey, pool, arcade games, foosball, etc.,
- ★ **Equip the youth lounge/youth social spaces with furniture and spaces for group study and other group activities,** like roundtables and couches, bean bags, and snacks table.

Fitness and weight conditioning space

- **The fitness and weight conditioning equipment should be physically accessible and in adequate quantities** for many people to use at a time.
- ★ **Provide a variety of exercise machines and equipment,** with options that can be used by people of varying fitness levels.
- ★ **Create times for women's only use.**

Social and public spaces

- ★ **Design the patio spaces as social and public spaces** (where people can gather and hang out).
- ★ **Provide water fountains and water coolers in the social spaces and throughout the CRC.**

Outdoor spaces – ground floor and roof

- ★ **Support for the gardens in the outdoor spaces on the ground floor and the roof.** Youth also expressed interest in volunteering to help manage the community gardens. A participant suggested that 'volunteer hours' required for youth in high school could be dedicated towards community garden upkeep. They also suggested partnering with Unison Health & Community Services to achieve this.
- ★ **Provide shaded areas in the outdoor spaces,** which will be especially useful in the summer.

Indigenous cultural needs spaces

- ★ **Some youth expressed curiosity and interest in the Indigenous cultural needs spaces, specifically having a space for Sacred Fire** included in the design.

Other feedback

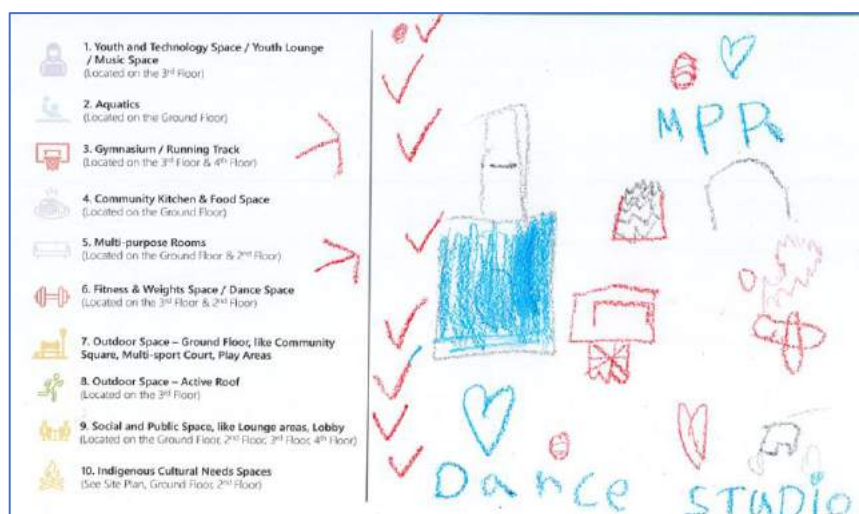
- **If/where possible, the City should hire from within the community to build the CRC.** They mentioned that a lot of young adults in the community have been trained as tradespeople.
- **A participant said that the City should upgrade the existing CRC building and not build a new one.** They expressed concern about the increasing unaffordability in the area, and said that the funds for building a new CRC should be directed towards housing. They suggested that the City assess which new facilities are needed and which are already available in existing facilities near the current CRC.
- **A participant said that the overall City policies were pushing people indoors,** which is neither beneficial nor healthy for people. Specifically, they expressed concerns about the outdoor pool being moved indoors, and the running track being indoors in the new CRC.

Feedback provided by youth at the Lawrence Heights Community Recreation Centre pop-up

At the Lawrence Heights Community Recreation Centre pop-up around 130 youth between the ages of 4 and 12 provided feedback through drawings and written feedback. The section summarizes feedback received from youth, organized by four different age groups.

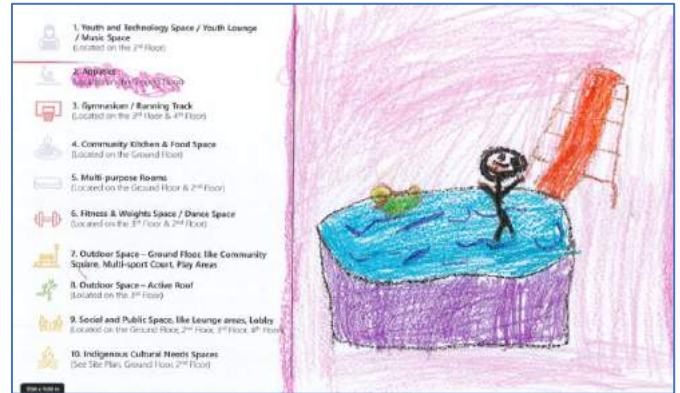
4 to 6 years old

- 18 kids from ages 4 to 6 years participated. Many of them expressed interest in the aquatics space, multi-purpose rooms and community kitchen and food space.
- Some interests identified by this age group, were:
 - music room and party room in the multi-purpose rooms
 - a dance studio
 - swimming pool where they can swim with their families
 - space for children (like pretend kitchens) in the community kitchen
 - water slides in the swimming pool
 - space to relax and watch television with parents
 - playground, pole-sliding, and climbing rock walls
 - basketball space



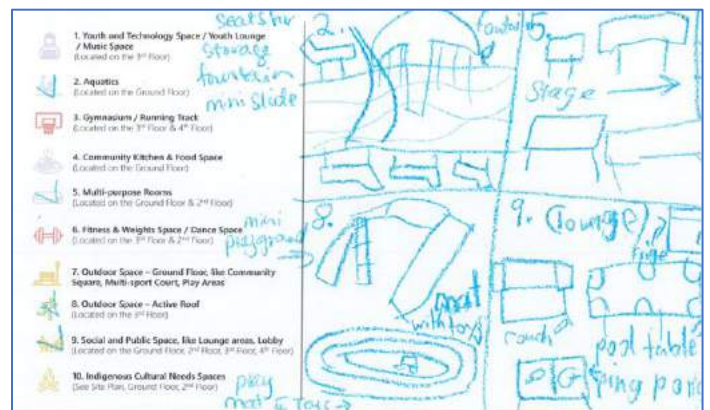
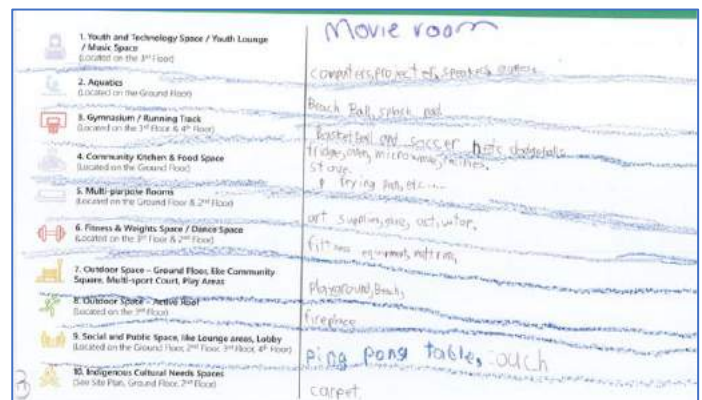
6 to 8 years old

- 31 kids from ages 6 to 8 years participated. Many of them showed interest in the aquatics space, gymnasium, outdoor spaces, fitness and weights spaces, community kitchen & food spaces, and social and public spaces.
- Some interests identified by this age group were:
 - waterslides in the swimming pool
 - arcade games and other games like soccer
 - hot tubs
 - a food court with lunch and ice-cream
 - indoor basketball court
 - facilities for kids and adults to play in the swimming pool



8 to 10 years old

- 24 kids from ages 8 to 10 years participated. Many of them showed interest in aquatic space, gymnasium, youth and technology space, multi-purpose rooms, outdoor spaces, social and public spaces, community kitchen & food space and dance space.
- Some interests identified by this age group were:
 - cooking lessons in the community kitchen & cooking space, and appliances like frying pans, fridge, oven, and microwaves.
 - monkey bars in the park
 - an art room with art supplies, movie room and playroom – with a pool table, ping-pong table,



- playmats and lounge, archery room, gaming room, and a nails area
- science and technology space and a resource room
- staff room and sleeping room
- tennis, dodge ball, splash pads, trampoline and volleyball in the outdoor space
- glow in the dark lights
- green roof
- patio spaces
- spa area and hot tubs in the aquatics space
- fitness equipment and mattress in the fitness and weights space
- playground, bench and fireplace in the outdoor area
- carpet in the Indigenous cultural needs space
- a ramp for accessibility to the play features



10 to 12 years old

- 25 kids from ages 10 to 12 years participated. Many of them showed interest in youth and technology space, aquatics space, outdoor spaces, gymnasium, multi-purpose rooms, social and public spaces, community kitchen & food space and fitness and weights / dance space.
- Some interests identified by this age group were:
 - technology, games including board games and arcade games, headsets, lockers, VR, Nintendo, and free and good Wi-Fi in the youth and tech space
 - deep and shallow ends in the aquatics space, along with slides, hot-tubs, flexible water temperature, water volleyball, jacuzzi, aquatic animals and plants, seats to dry off, and diving boards



- for the gymnasium: a huge court open for everyone, include resting areas near the running track / shotput area, along with a skating during winter and soccer during summer, and an archery area
- indoor and outdoor gardens and plants, with kids involvement in the community garden, along with area where youth can do plants-related research
- more washrooms to avoid lineups, and pads, tampons, and other menstrual hygiene products being made available, along with water fountains throughout the CRC
- free food in the community kitchen & food space, and a pizza oven
- a summer camp which happens every year and is free for everyone
- a cafeteria, a movie theatre and a party room that can be rented
- art including fun colours and video game characters like flappy bird and angry birds
- learning space and library, and a bigger art room with art supplies
- a big basketball court, a tennis court, and splash pads
- mirrors in the dance space and a piano in the music room
- televisions, couches, mics for games and music
- chess tables and checkers in the social spaces and balcony lounges
- air-conditioning throughout the CRC
- space for campfire



Next Steps

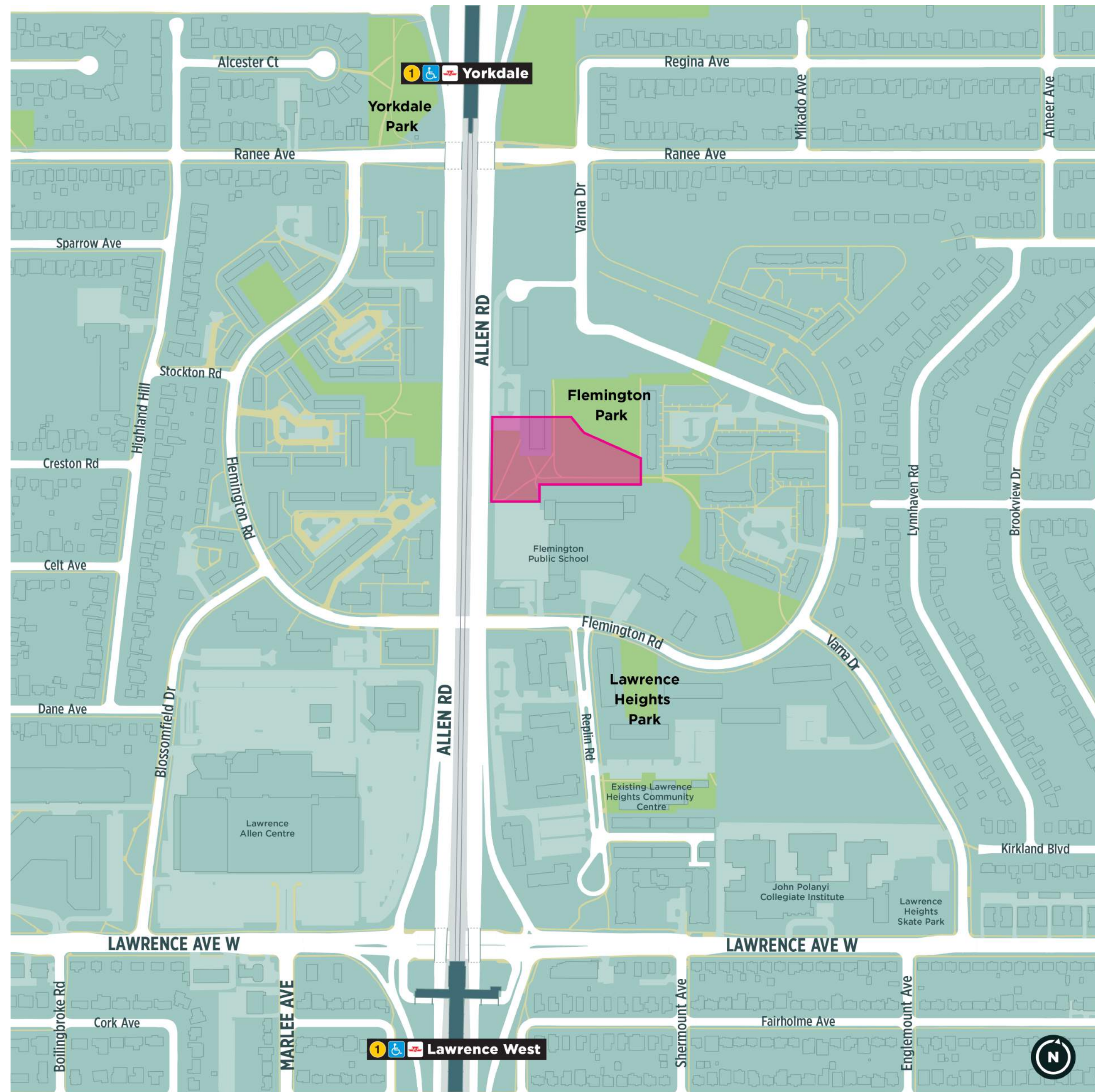
The feedback gathered from the pop-ups, in conjunction with the feedback gathered through the online survey and other in-community interactions will help inform the final preferred design for the new Lawrence Heights Community Recreation Centre.

The final preferred design is anticipated to be presented to the community for feedback in Phase 3 of the engagement in late 2024 / early 2025. For more information and to sign up for project updates, please visit: www.toronto.ca/LawrenceHeights

Attachment 1: Pop-up boards

See following pages for the boards used at the pop-ups.

New Lawrence Heights Community Recreation Centre (CRC)



Location of the new Lawrence Heights Community Recreation Centre and Child Care Centre

About the Community Recreation Centre

The City of Toronto is designing a new Community Recreation Centre and Child Care Centre as part of the redevelopment of the Lawrence Heights Neighbourhood for the Lawrence Heights Community. When completed, it will be one of the largest Community Recreation Centres in Toronto. It will be located north of Flemington Public School, connecting to a new road extension. The CRC will be a 4-floor building, with key spaces including gymnasium, aquatic spaces, social and public spaces, multi-purpose spaces, youth and technology spaces, community kitchen, spaces for Indigenous cultural needs, and outdoor spaces on the ground floor and the roof.

We are in phase two of three in the community consultation process to help inform the design, features, and programming of the new CRC. Phase one was held between September 2023 and January 2024, which focused on creating a new community-led vision, guiding principles, and big moves. This feedback guided the design team as they developed a draft proposed design for the new Lawrence Heights Community Recreation Centre.

In this phase of engagement, the team is seeking feedback on proposed draft site plans and floor layouts of the CRC, and asking for feedback on what else should be included in the design.

Note: The community engagement process focuses on the design for the new Community Recreation Centre since the building program for the Child Care Centre is determined by the Province. For more information about the project, visit the project webpage.

Project Webpage:
toronto.ca/LawrenceHeights



Scan with your smartphone camera to visit the project webpage where you can learn more about the project, participate in an online survey, or sign up for on-going project e-updates.

Pre-Engagement:

- ✓ 2 rounds
- ✓ 22 meetings with key stakeholders

Phase 1: Visioning

Q4 2023 & Q1 2024

Goal: Confirm proposed program, develop Vision, Guiding Principles and Big Moves.

Phase 2: Exploring Options

Q2 and Q3 2024

Goal: Present and gather feedback on a draft design.

Phase 3: Setting the direction

Q4 2024

Goal: Present and gather feedback on a preferred design.

Detailed Design & Construction Updates

Ongoing to Opening of new CRC

800+ people engaged so far

Phase 1 engagement included:

- ✓ Two community meetings
- ✓ An online survey
- ✓ Community pop-ups, including youth focused pop-up
- ✓ Indigenous Sharing Meeting 1
- ✓ Community Advisory Meeting 1

Tell us what you think about the proposed draft designs of the new CRC!

Take the online survey

Provide feedback through an online survey by visiting the project webpage or scanning the QR code

toronto.ca/LawrenceHeights



Visit a pop-up event near you

In July 2024, the team is hosting 3 pop-up engagement events in the neighbourhood:

Monday, July 8, 2024 | 1 - 4 p.m.

Lawrence Heights Community Recreation Centre, 5 Replin Road

Friday, July 12, 2024 | 5 - 7 p.m.

Columbus Centre, 901 Lawrence Avenue West

Thursday, July 18, 2024 | 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Lawrence West TTC Station, Bus Terminal

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New Lawrence Heights Community Recreation Centre (CRC)

The vision, guiding principles and big moves for the new CRC were developed based on community feedback collected over the last 15 years of consultation about the Lawrence Heights Revitalization. In Community Engagement Phase 1, the vision, guiding principles and big moves were refined based on community feedback.

Vision

The vision is a big-picture statement that describes the ideal future CRC.

The new Lawrence Heights CRC will be:

- Alive with the energy of the many communities it serves.
- A welcoming, inclusive and safe space for all community to gather, connect, and grow together.
- A place of play, fitness, food, sport, health, music, art, learning, belonging, connection, strength, and fun.
- Where diversity is celebrated and community aspirations are reflected and embraced.
- Up-to-date with government mandated accessibility standards, environmentally sustainable, and built with quality materials.

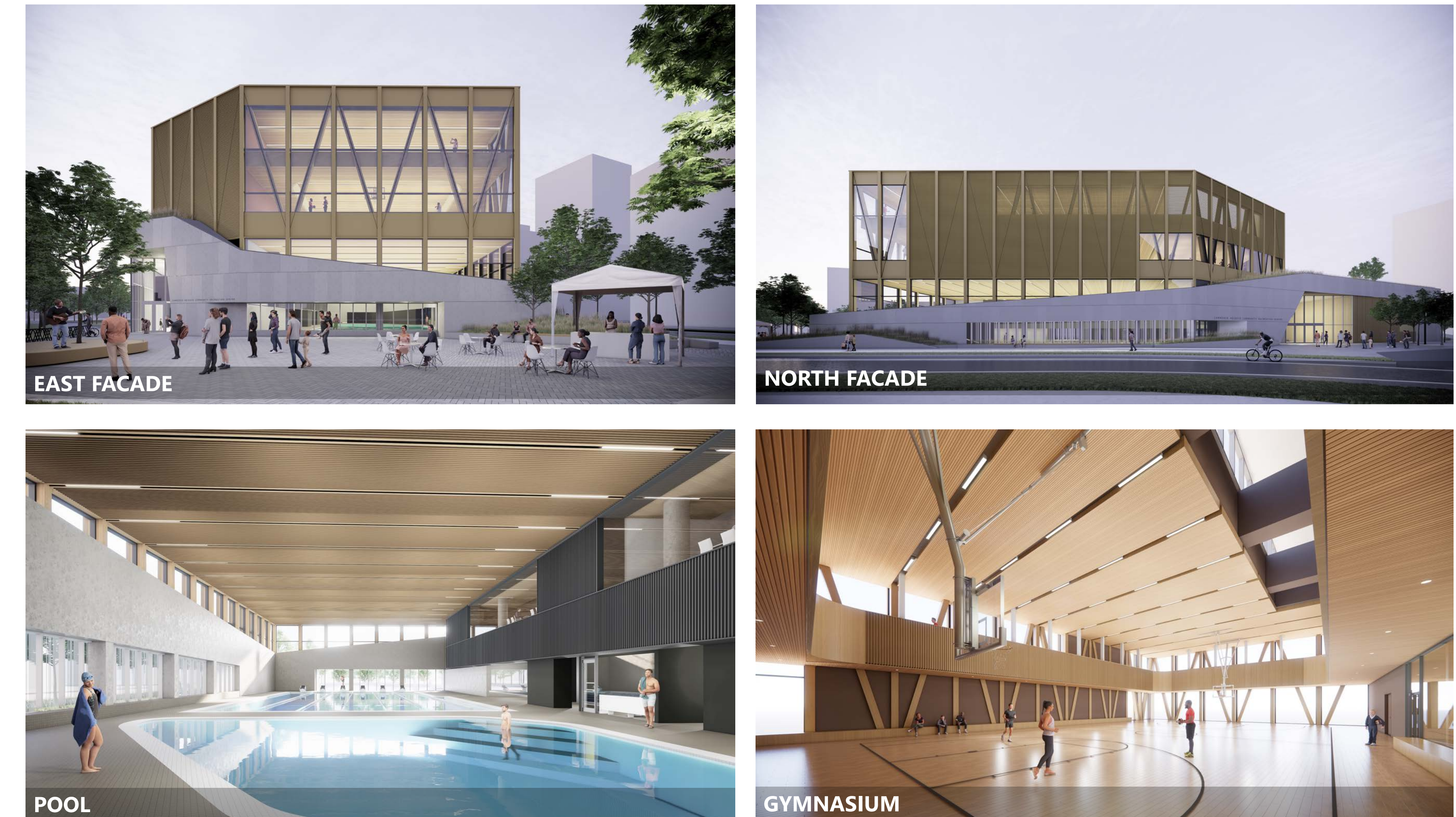
Guiding Principles

The guiding principles are high-level directions that reflect the community's most important values and ideas for how the CRC should look and work. They help to clarify the vision statement and guide how the centre should be designed by describing the desired outcomes.

The guiding principles for the new CRC are:

1. Be **open to all ages and accessible to diverse abilities**.
2. Be **flexible** to support a range of different activities.
3. **Respect the unique needs of different members of our communities**, and be a welcoming, safe, and inclusive space that can facilitate programming for people of all ages, races, religions, cultures, genders and identities.
4. Create a **modern space that incorporates natural light and materials throughout the building, and includes local and Indigenous art** to help beautify the space and showcase works from local artists.
5. **Encourage positive social interactions** and community bonding throughout the many unique communities that will use the new centre (including African, Caribbean and Black communities, Southeast Asian communities, Muslim communities, Jewish communities, Eastern European communities, and many more).
6. **Accommodate the importance of arts, culture, music, science, and technology**.
7. **Respect and embrace the importance of food** to the local community through cooking, eating, gardening.
8. Accommodate **access to technology**.
9. Be a **safe** place for the community to use, and a safe place to gather in emergencies.
10. **Integrate Indigenous design** in keeping with the importance of Indigenous Placekeeping in Cityspaces. This includes seeking input from the First Nation, Métis and Inuit, and seeking the involvement of an Indigenous design advisor.

Early Renderings



*These are early concept renderings. Subject to change, as we continue community conversations and develop the design

Big Moves

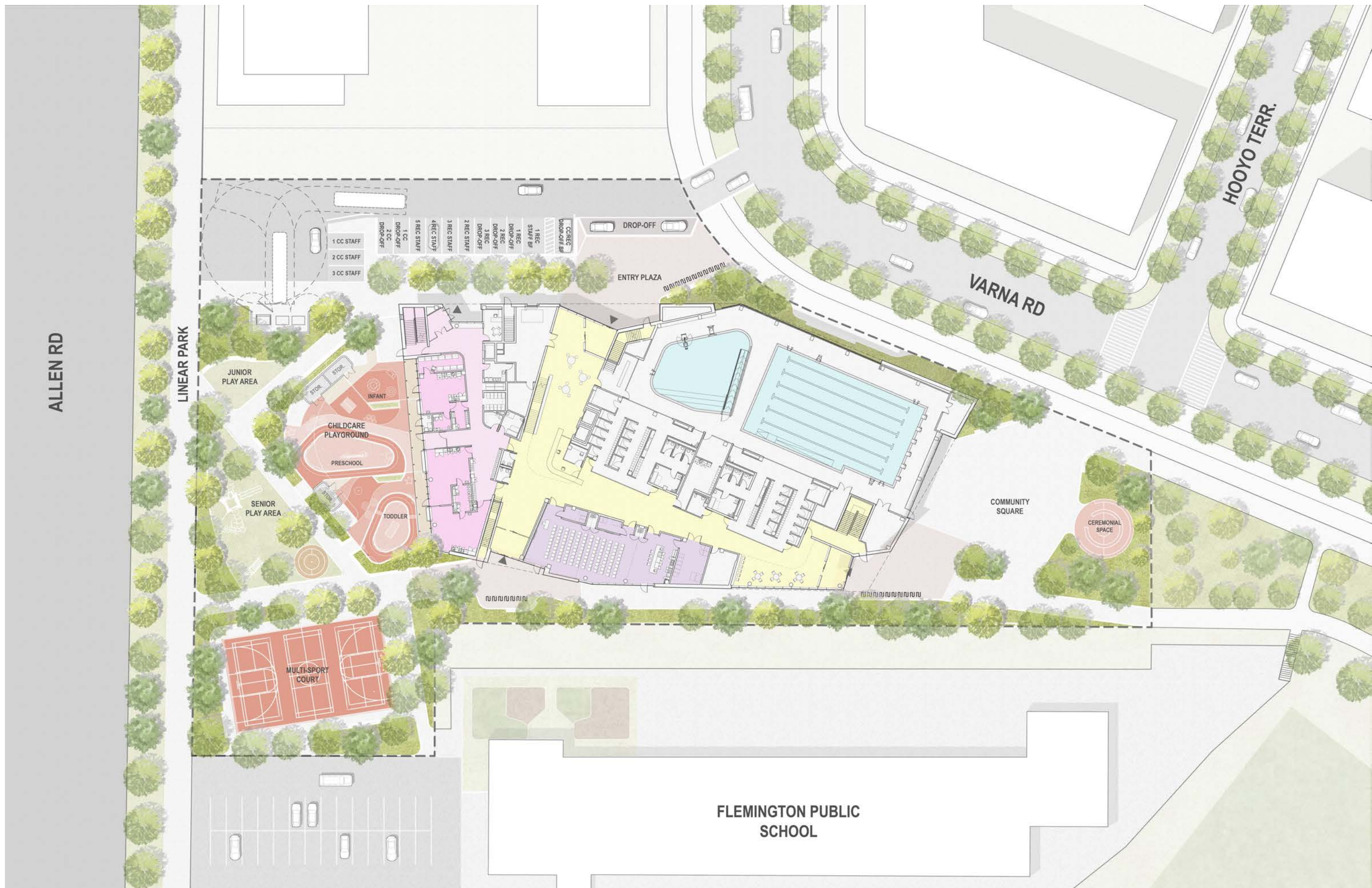
The big moves communicate the main priorities of both the community and the City for the design of the CRC. They are specific directions for how the physical design can achieve the vision and guiding principles.

The big moves for the new CRC are:

1. Provide **year-round aquatic space** including a lane pool and leisure/tot pool.
2. Provide **space for fitness and physical activity** including a gym, weight room, indoor track, and fitness studios.
3. Provide **spaces to support food-centred programming** including a community teaching kitchen and space to grow edible plants.
4. Provide **dedicated youth space** where youth will have access to technology and youth-specific programming.
5. Provide **gathering spaces** for community meetings, events and celebrations, including indoor and outdoor spaces.
6. Provide **tech spaces that enable community creativity and growth** including a music recording studio, public WIFI, and tech-connected meeting spaces.
7. Provide a variety of **multi-use spaces that can support a diverse range of community uses** including arts and cultural programs, seniors programs, accessible and sensory programming, prayer spaces, community meetings, incubator space, etc.).
8. Encourage **local access through active transportation and transit**.
9. Provide **lively, all-ages outdoor spaces on the ground floor and rooftop** that can accommodate potential community gardens and pollinator gardens, fitness and activity space, gathering and event space, and play space.
10. **Incorporate Indigenous cultural needs**, the needs of First Nation, Métis and Inuit families, and ensures the CRC is a unique and welcoming, Indigenous place. This includes creating both indoor and outdoor spaces for Indigenous cultural programming.
11. Design an **environmentally sustainable** building by achieving Toronto Green Standards and Net Zero Emissions.

Draft Proposed Plans of the new CRC

Draft Proposed Site Plan



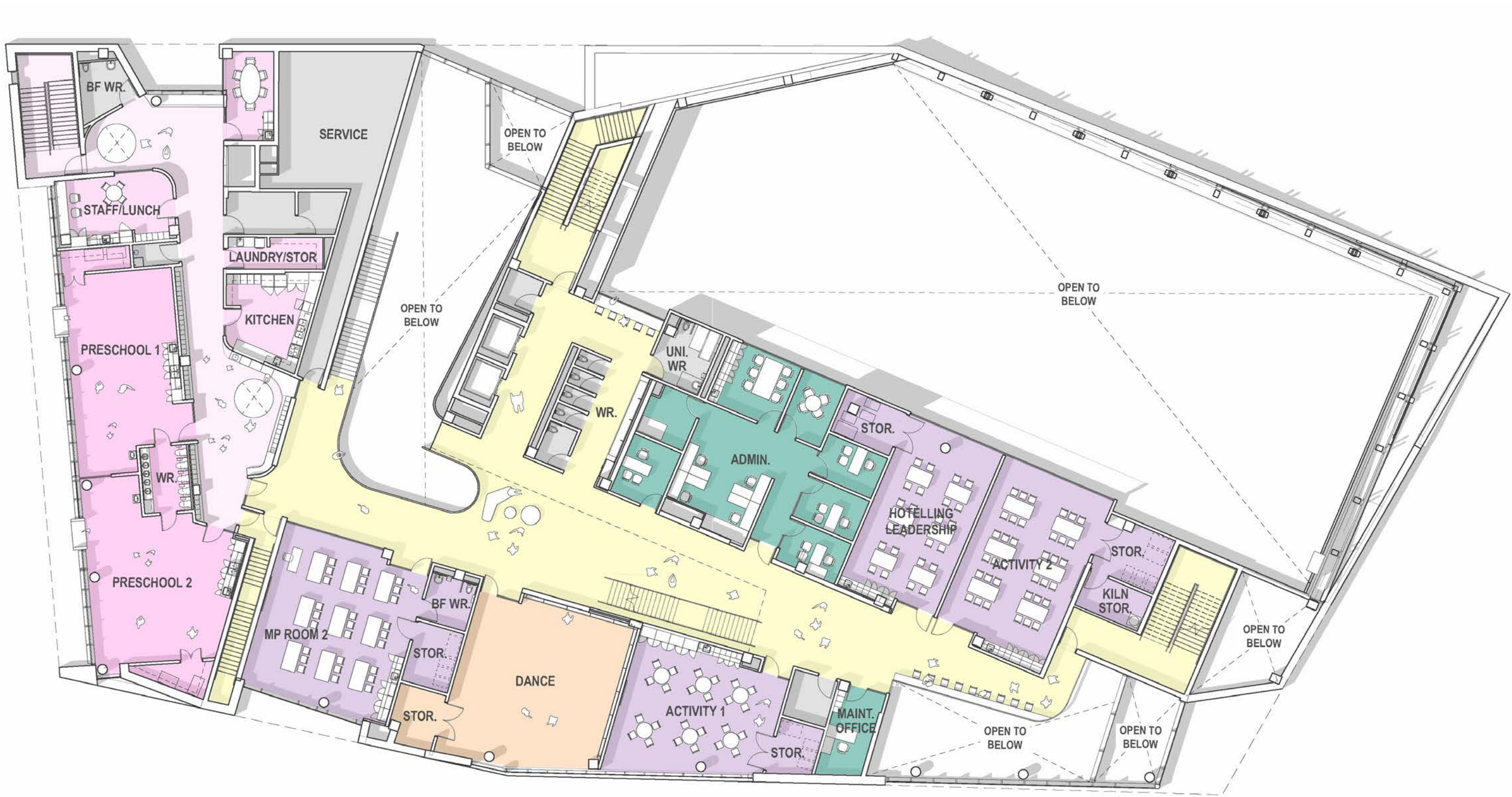
- These features will be included, informed by community feedback:
- ✓ A children’s playground
 - ✓ A multi-sport court
 - ✓ Gardens, planting areas
 - ✓ Spaces for events, dancing, and yoga
 - ✓ Seating and tables
 - ✓ A mindfulness space or garden for reflection
 - ✓ Shade structures
 - ✓ Sustainability features
 - ✓ Space for sacred fire

Draft Ground Floor Layout



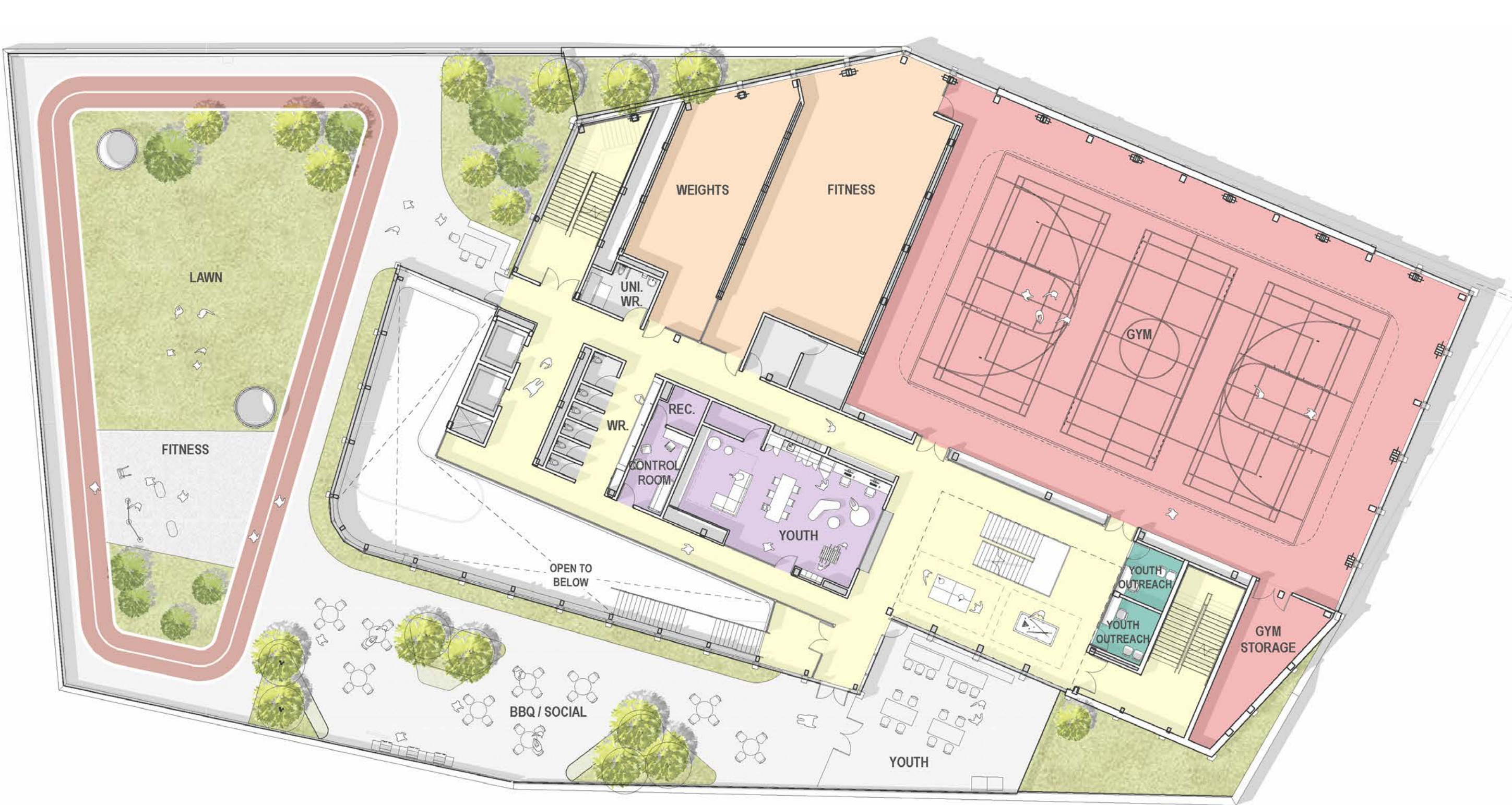
- These features will be included, informed by community feedback:
- ✓ Kitchen connected to hallway and multi-purpose room
 - ✓ Indoor-outdoor connection
 - ✓ A nutritional resource food space in the multi-purpose room
 - ✓ Lounge and social space
 - ✓ 6-lane lap pool, leisure/tot pool
 - ✓ Public art

Draft 2nd Floor Layout



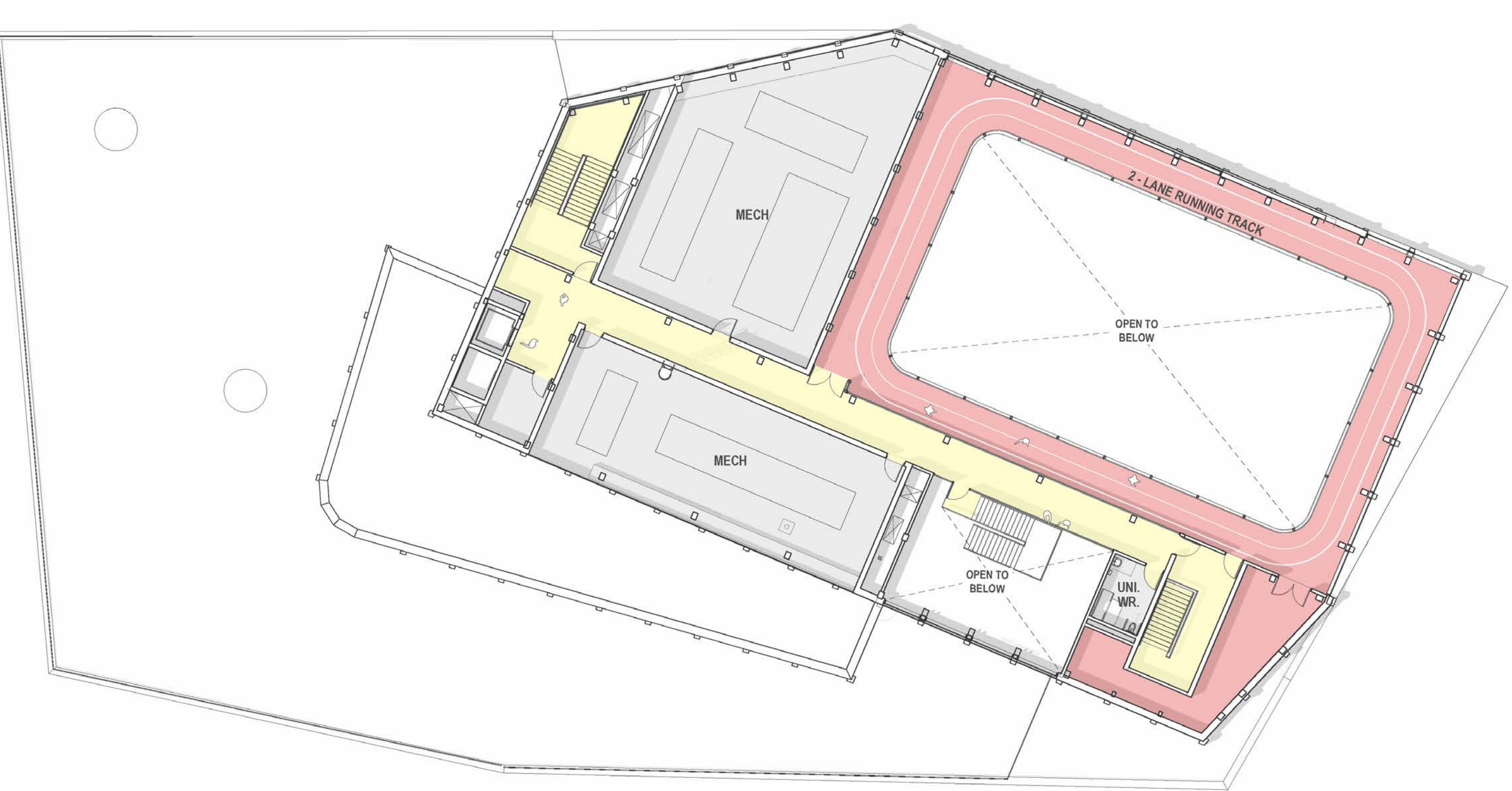
- These features will be included, informed by community feedback:
- ✓ Lounge and social space
 - ✓ Accessible spaces
 - ✓ Space for community events
 - ✓ Spaces for activities, like art, pottery, painting, etc.
 - ✓ Spaces for dance, yoga, martial arts
 - ✓ Music practice and teaching space
 - ✓ Public art

Draft 3rd Floor Layout



- These features will be included, informed by community feedback:
- ✓ Safe, dedicated youth space
 - ✓ Recording studio, tech lab
 - ✓ Outdoors youth area
 - ✓ Open, modern fitness area
 - ✓ Gym that can support multi-sport activities
 - ✓ Gym viewing
 - ✓ BBQ and social area
 - ✓ Gathering space

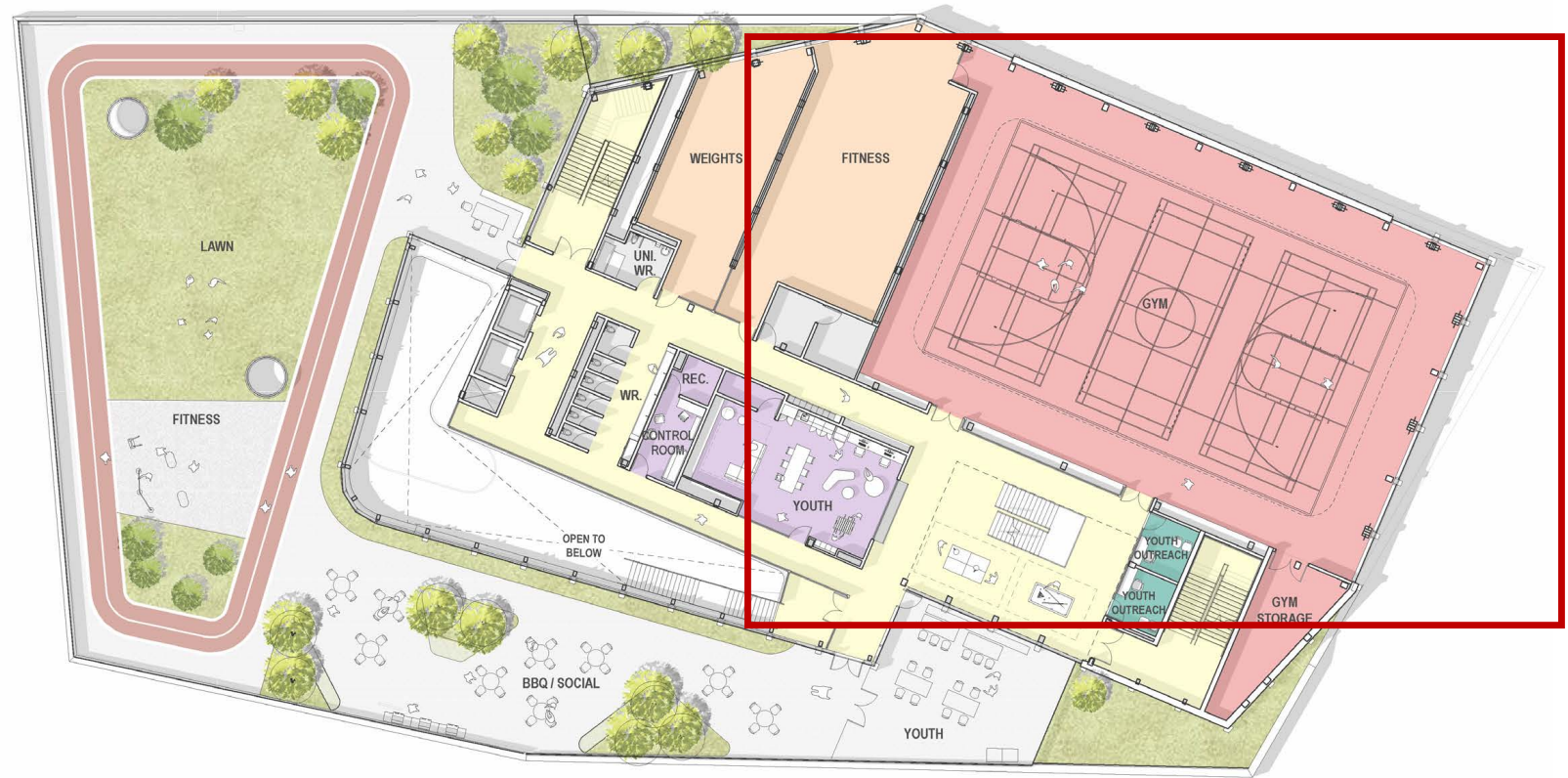
Draft 4th Floor Layout



- These features will be included, informed by community feedback:
- ✓ Running track
 - ✓ Green roof
 - ✓ Sustainability features

What should the design for these spaces include?

Gymnasium 3rd Floor



- These features will be included in the design of the gymnasium:
- ✓ Basketball, volleyball, pickleball, and badminton facilities
 - ✓ Seating and spaces for people to congregate
 - ✓ Flexible space for community events and programming for different age groups
 - ✓ An indoor track

The draft design for the gymnasium reflects:
Principle 2: Be flexible to support a range of different activities.

Big Move 2: Provide space for fitness and physical activity including a gym, weight room, indoor track, and fitness studios.

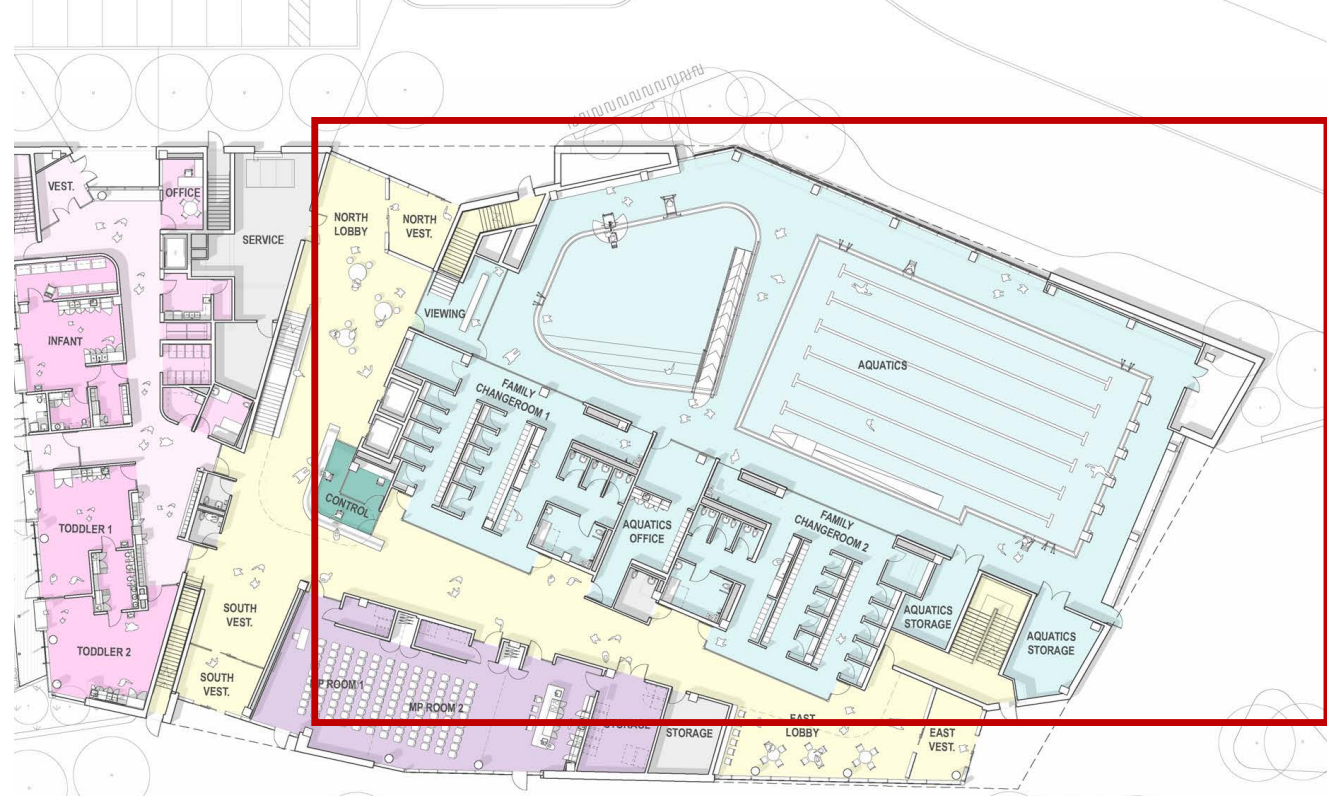
What else, if anything, should the design for the gymnasium include?

Write your suggestions on a post-it and place it here.

Does the draft design for the gymnasium adequately reflect the vision, principles and big moves?

To inform your feedback, please refer to the board with details on vision, guiding principles and big moves.
Add a green dot sticker below to answer yes, yellow dot for somewhat, and red dot sticker for no.

Aquatics Ground Floor



- These features will be included in the design of the aquatics space:
- ✓ 6-lane lap pool
 - ✓ Space for sports training, aquafit, leisure swimming, relaxation, and water aerobics
 - ✓ Therapeutic pool
 - ✓ Water play features
 - ✓ Family change room with private change stalls and fully enclosed washroom stalls
 - ✓ Programming for the aquatics space will include permitting for community events and gender-specific programming

The draft design for the aquatics space reflects:
Principle 1: Be open to all ages and accessible to diverse abilities
Principle 3: Respect the unique needs of different members of our communities, and be a welcoming, safe, and inclusive space that can facilitate programming for people of all ages, races, religions, cultures, genders and identities.
Big Move 1: Provide year-round aquatic space, including a lane pool and leisure tot pool.

What else, if anything, should the design for the aquatics space include?

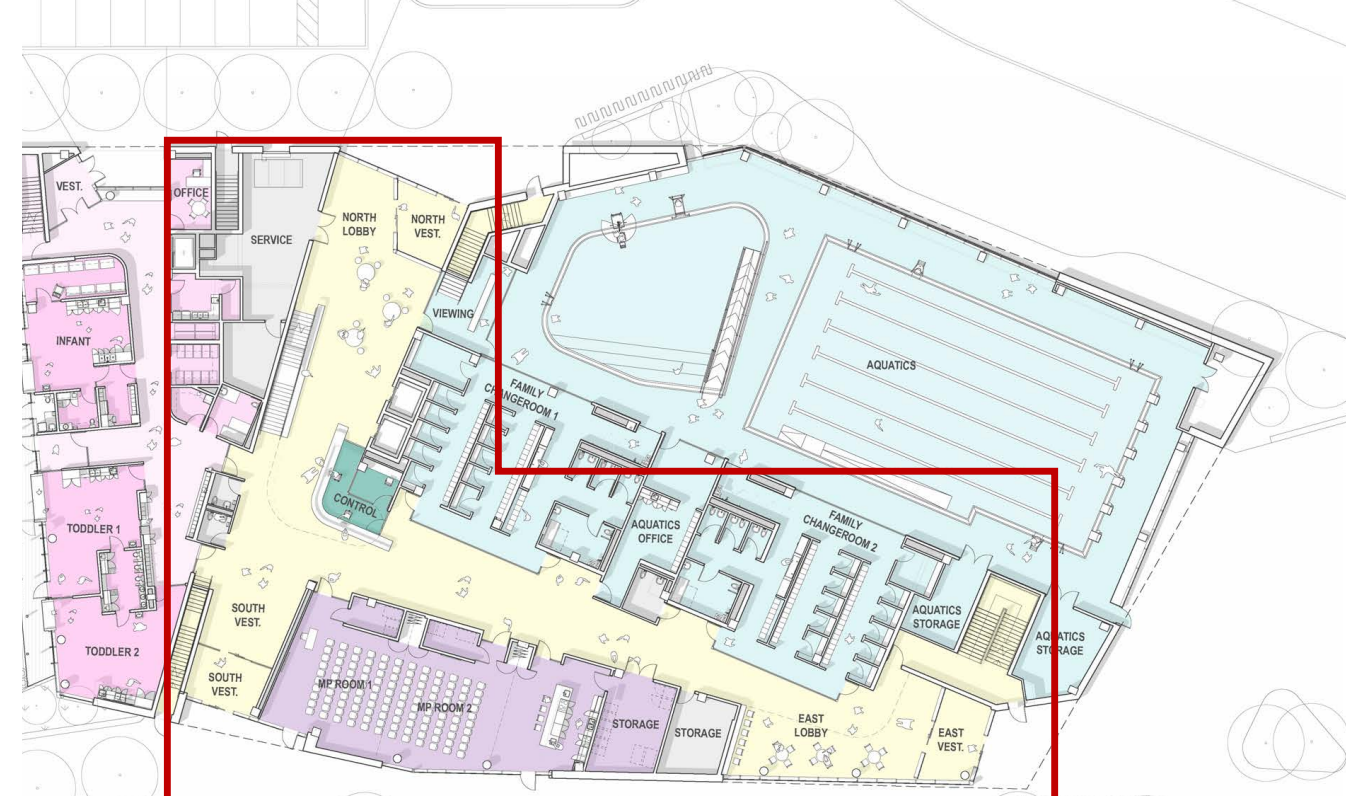
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Does the draft design for the aquatics space adequately reflect the vision, principles and big moves?

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Social and Public Spaces

All floors of the CRC will include social and public spaces



- These features will be included in the design of social and public spaces:
- ✓ A lounge and social space
 - ✓ Spaces for study
 - ✓ An outdoor event space, multi-sport court, and all-ages play areas.
 - ✓ Natural daylight
 - ✓ Public art and unique representation of the community

The draft design for the social and public spaces reflects:
Principle 5: Encourage positive social interactions and community bonding throughout the many unique communities that will use the new centre.
Big Move 5: Provide gathering spaces for community meetings, events and celebrations, including indoor and outdoor spaces

What else, if anything, should the design for the social and public spaces include?

Write your suggestions on a post-it and place it here.

Does the draft design for the social and public spaces adequately reflect the vision, principles and big moves?

To inform your feedback, please refer to the board with details on vision, guiding principles and big moves.
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What should the design for these spaces include?

Youth and technology spaces

Including youth lounge and music space, 3rd Floor

These features will be included in the design:

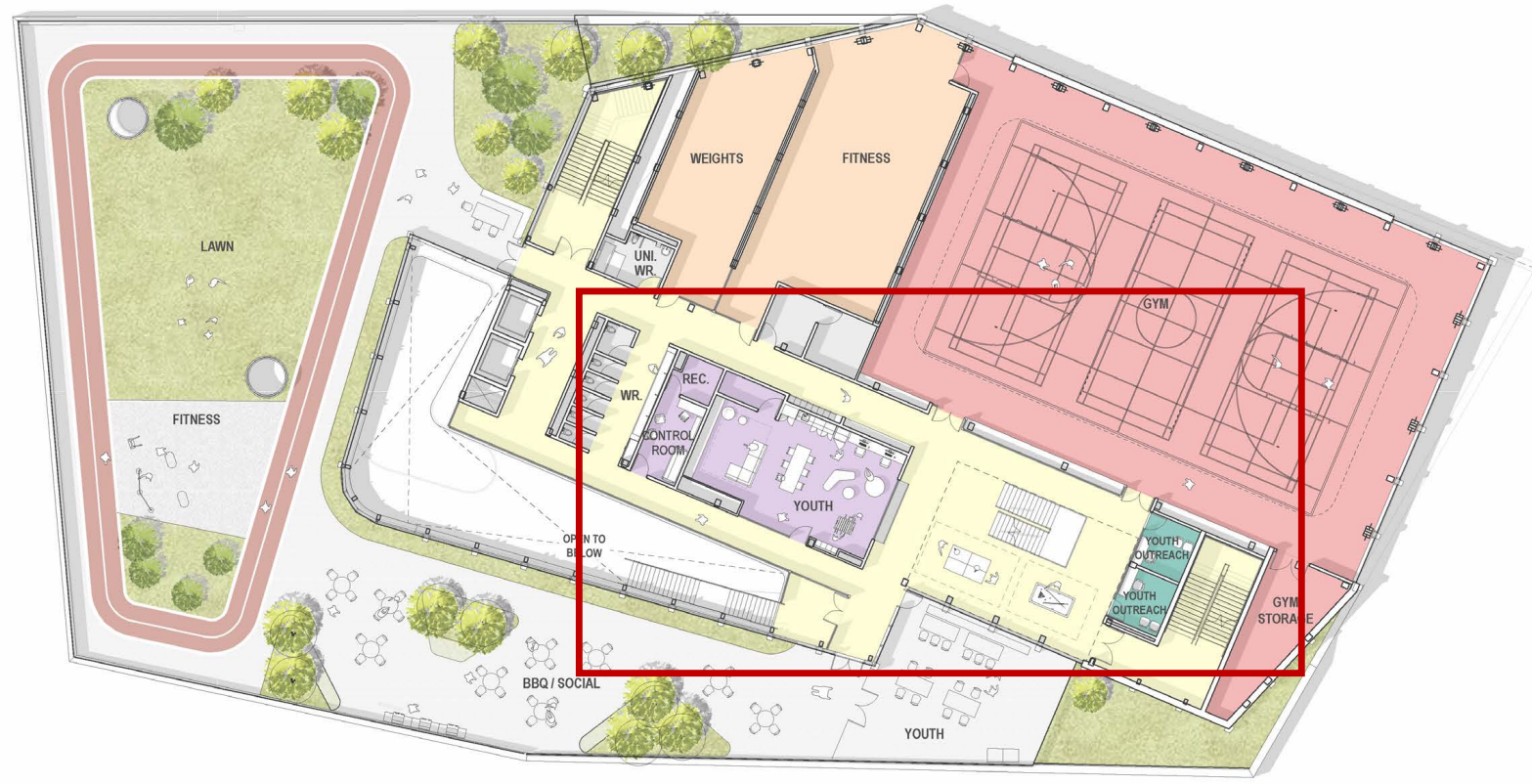
- ✓ Safe, dedicated youth space
- ✓ Space for arts, indoor games, and a lounge
- ✓ An outdoor youth area
- ✓ A music recording studio
- ✓ Technology/ a computer lab
- ✓ Space for employment support, tutoring, and study

The draft design for the youth and technology reflects:

Principle 6: Accommodate the importance of arts, culture, music, science, technology, accommodate access to technology.

Big Move 4: Provide dedicated youth space where youth will have access to technology and youth-specific programming.

Big Move 6: Provide tech spaces that enable community creativity and growth including a music recording studio, public WIFI, and tech-connected meeting spaces.



Fitness and Weights

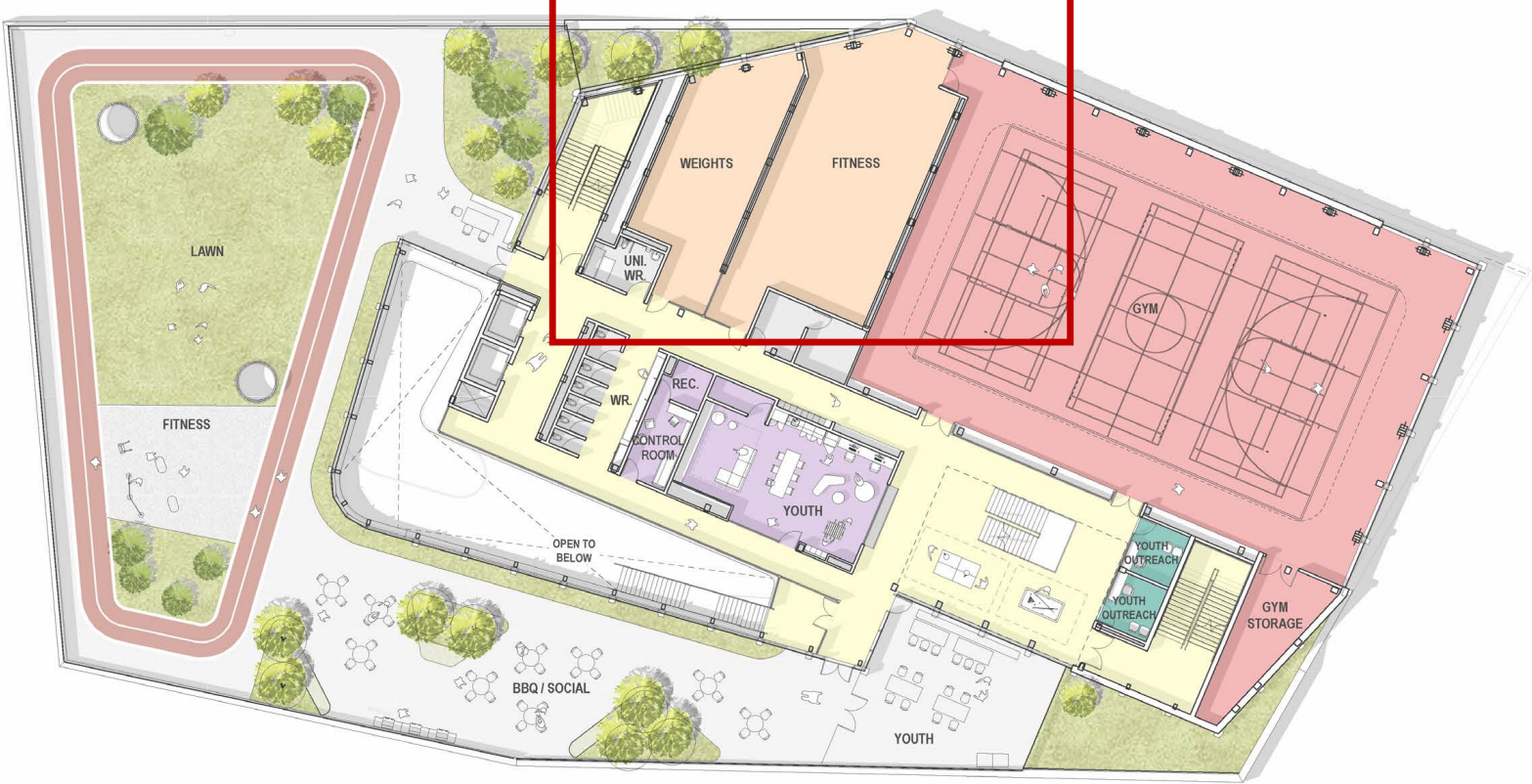
3rd Floor

These features will be included in the design:

- ✓ An open concept setup
- ✓ New and accessible equipment
- ✓ A larger weights training room than the current CRC
- ✓ Space for fitness classes
- ✓ Vending machines

The draft design for the fitness and weights space reflects:

Big Move 2: Provide space for fitness and physical activity including a gym, weight room, indoor track, and fitness studios.



Multi-purpose Spaces

Ground Floor, 2nd Floor

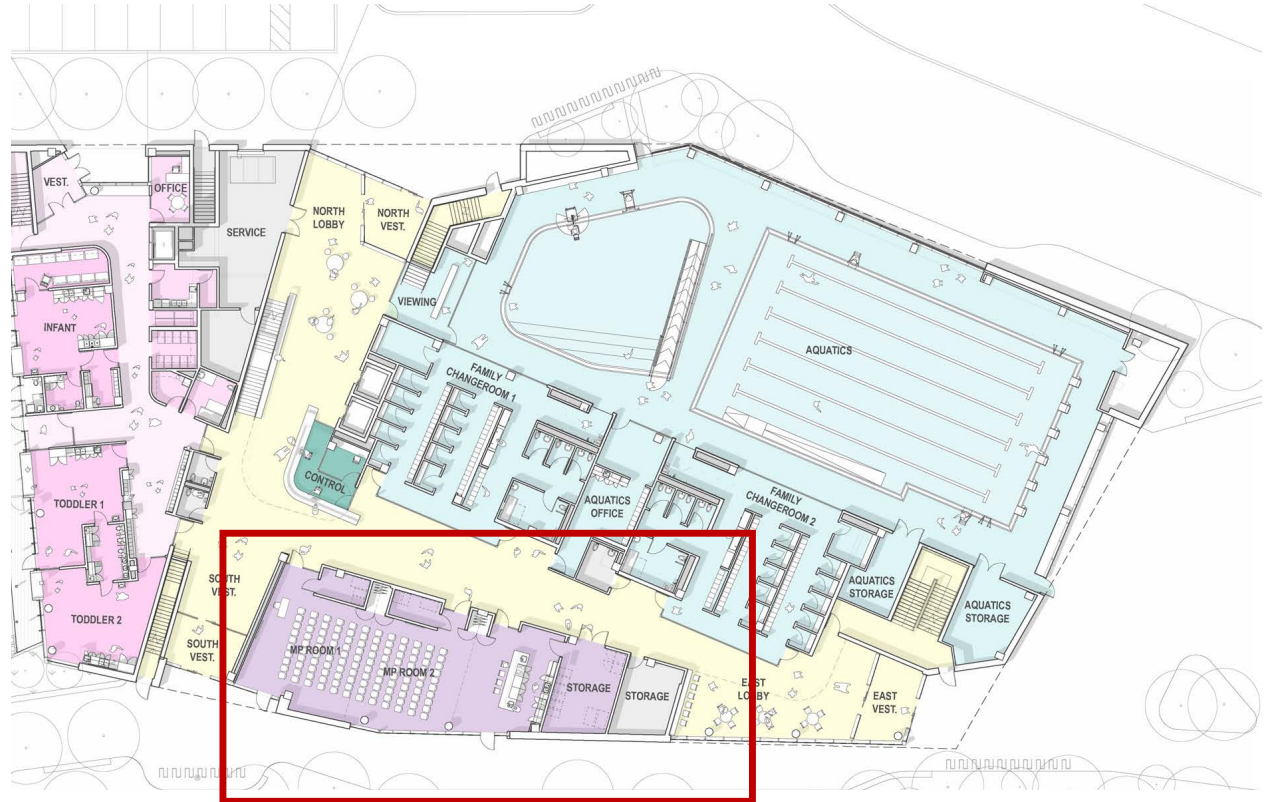
These features will be included in the design:

- ✓ Facilities for different age groups
- ✓ Quiet space to read and study
- ✓ Sensory room
- ✓ Space for dance, yoga, and martial arts
- ✓ Space for music practice or teaching
- ✓ Space for arts activities – pottery, painting, etc.
- ✓ Access to teaching kitchen
- ✓ An indoor-outdoor connection
- ✓ Space for community events by grassroots groups and local community agencies

The draft design for the multi-purpose spaces reflects:

Principle 2: Be flexible to support a range of different activities.

Big Move 7: Provide a variety of multi-use spaces that can support a diverse range of community uses including arts and cultural programs, seniors' programs, accessible and sensory programming, prayer spaces, community meetings, incubator space, etc.).



What else, if anything, should the design for the youth and technology spaces include?

Write your suggestions on a post-it and place it here.

What else, if anything, should the design for the fitness and weights space include?

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What else, if anything, should the design for the multi-purpose spaces include?

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Does the draft design for the youth and technology spaces adequately reflect the vision, principles and big moves?

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Does the draft design for the fitness and weights space adequately reflect the vision, principles and big moves?

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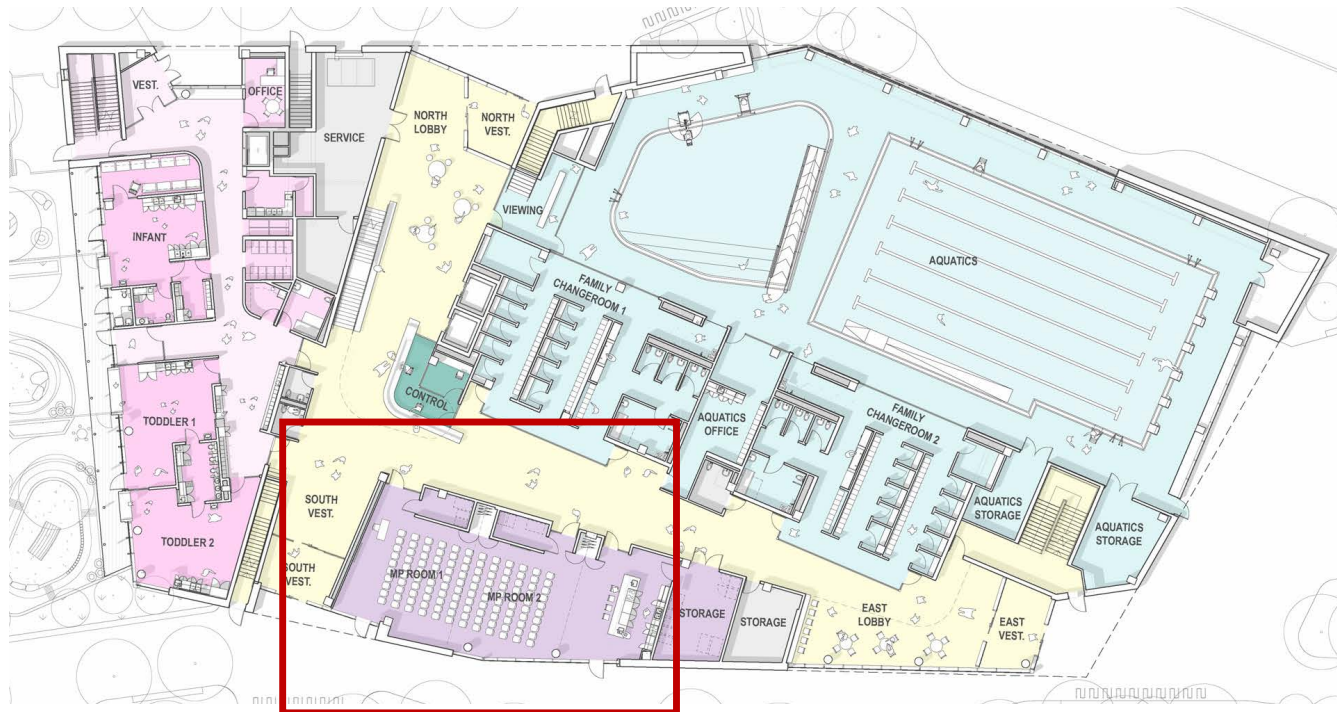
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What should the design for these spaces include?

Community kitchen and food

Ground floor



These features will be included in the design:

- ✓ Spaces for cooking and gathering around food
- ✓ A kitchen for community events
- ✓ Connections to the multi-purpose room
- ✓ A community garden
- ✓ A nutritional resource food space in the multipurpose room
- ✓ Indoor-outdoor connections
- ✓ Space for food focused programming and cooking for youth

The draft design for the community kitchen and food spaces reflects:

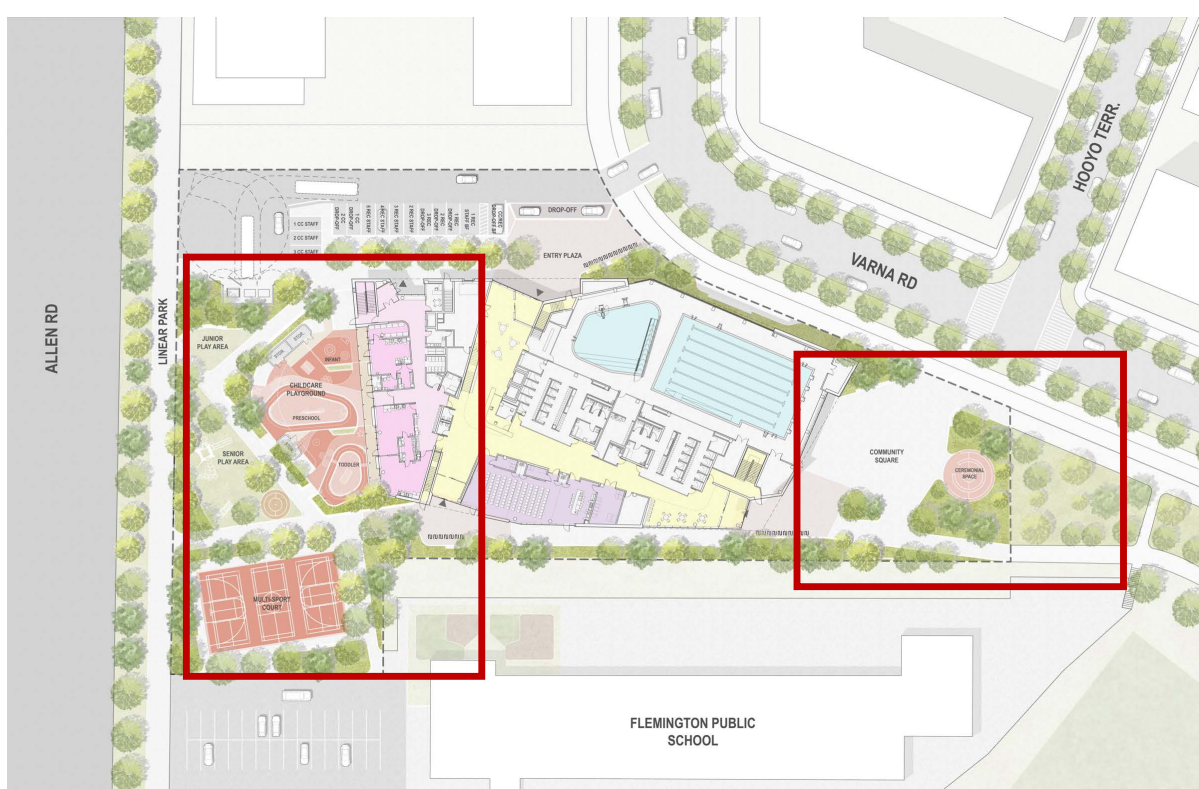
Principle 7: Respect and embrace the importance of food to the local community through cooking, eating, gardening.

Big Move 3: Provide spaces to support food-centred programming including a community teaching kitchen and space to grow edible plants.

What else, if anything, should the design for the community kitchen and food spaces include?

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Outdoor spaces, ground floor



These features will be included in the design:

- ✓ A children’s playground
- ✓ Mult-sport court
- ✓ Gardens, planting areas
- ✓ Seating and tables
- ✓ A mindfulness space or garden for reflection
- ✓ Shade structures
- ✓ Space for events, dancing, and yoga
- ✓ Space for sacred fire

The draft design for the outdoor spaces, ground floor reflects:

Principle 5: Encourage positive social interactions and community bonding throughout the many unique communities that will use the new centre

Big Move 9: Provide lively, all-ages outdoor spaces on the ground floor and rooftop that can accommodate potential community gardens and pollinator gardens, fitness and activity space, gathering and event space, and play space.

What else, if anything, should the design for the outdoor spaces, ground floor include?

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Outdoor spaces, roof

These features will be included in the design:

- ✓ Gathering spaces for movies or yoga
- ✓ Seating and tables
- ✓ Fitness stations
- ✓ Shade structures
- ✓ Mindfulness space or garden for reflection
- ✓ Planting – raised beds – edible planting
- ✓ BBQ and social area

The draft design for the outdoor spaces, roof reflects:

Principle 5: Encourage positive social interactions and community bonding throughout the many unique communities that will use the new centre.

Big Move 9: Provide lively, all-ages outdoor spaces on the ground floor and rooftop that can accommodate potential community gardens and pollinator gardens, fitness and activity space, gathering and event space, and play space.

What else, if anything, should the design for the outdoor spaces, roof include?

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Does the draft design for the outdoor spaces, ground floor adequately reflect the vision, principles and big moves?

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What should the design for these spaces include?

Indigenous cultural needs spaces

These features will be included in the design:

- ✓ Indigenous art
- ✓ Space for ceremonies
- ✓ Space for drum circles
- ✓ Space for Pow Wow social nights
- ✓ Ventilation systems for smudging
- ✓ Performance and dance spaces
- ✓ Quiet spaces / spaces for mindfulness
- ✓ Use of natural materials
- ✓ Space for sacred fire
- ✓ Indigenous-focused gardens and planters

The draft design for the community Indigenous community needs spaces reflects:

Principle 10: Integrate Indigenous design in keeping with the importance of Indigenous Placekeeping in Cityspaces. This includes seeking input from the First Nation, Métis and Inuit, and seeking the involvement of an Indigenous design advisor.

Big Move 10: Incorporate Indigenous cultural needs, the needs of First Nation, Métis and Inuit families, and ensures the CRC is a unique and welcoming, Indigenous place

How else can this space at Lawrence Heights support Truth and Reconciliation and inclusion of Indigenous peoples?

Write your suggestion on a post-it and place it here.

Does the draft design for Indigenous community needs spaces adequately reflect the vision, principles and big moves?

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Overall proposed design of the CRC



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The draft design for the outdoor spaces, ground floor reflects:

Principle 4: Create a modern space that incorporates natural light and materials throughout the building, and includes local and Indigenous art to help beautify the space and showcase works from local artists.

Big Move 11: Design an environmentally sustainable building by achieving Toronto Green Standards and Zero emissions

Does the draft overall proposed design adequately reflect the vision, principles and big moves?

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Any other suggestions on the overall proposed design?

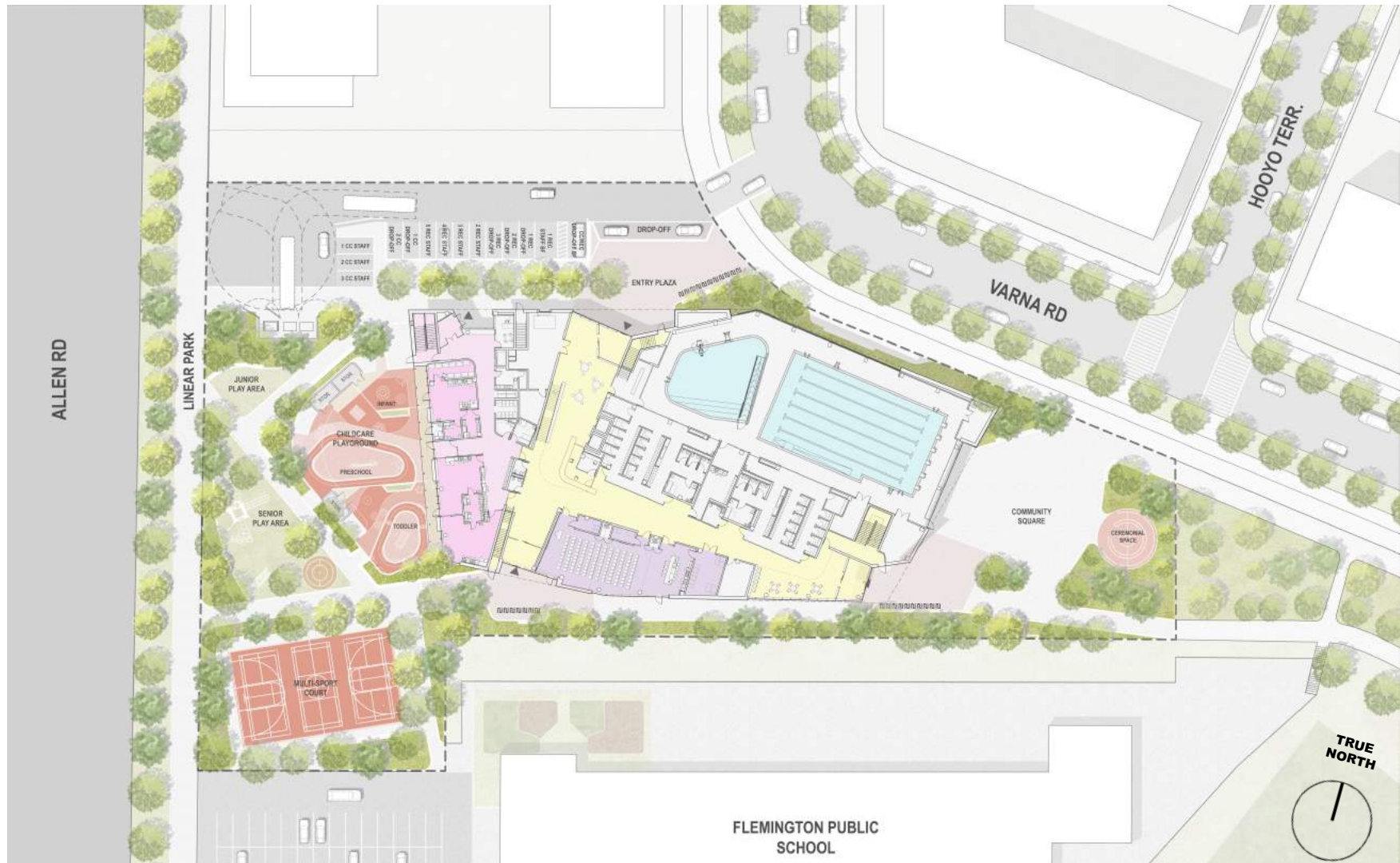
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Attachment 2: Feedback sheets from LHCRC pop-up

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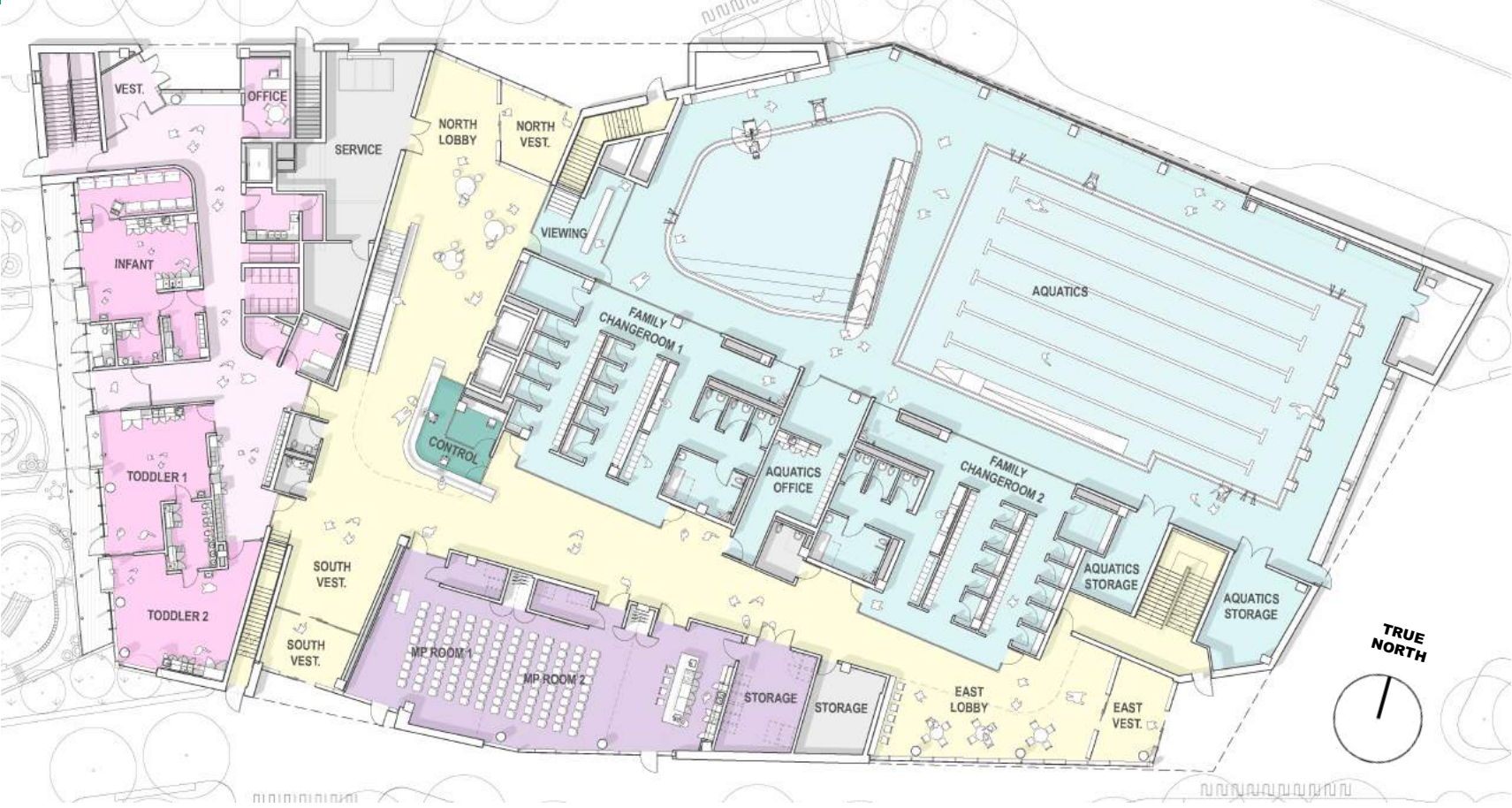
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Draft Proposed Design of the
Ground Floor Layout



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WATER PLAY FEATURE



LANE SWIMMING



TEACHING KITCHEN



LOUNGE



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Draft Proposed Design of the 2nd Floor Layout



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SOCIAL SPACE



STUDY SPACE



DANCE STUDIO

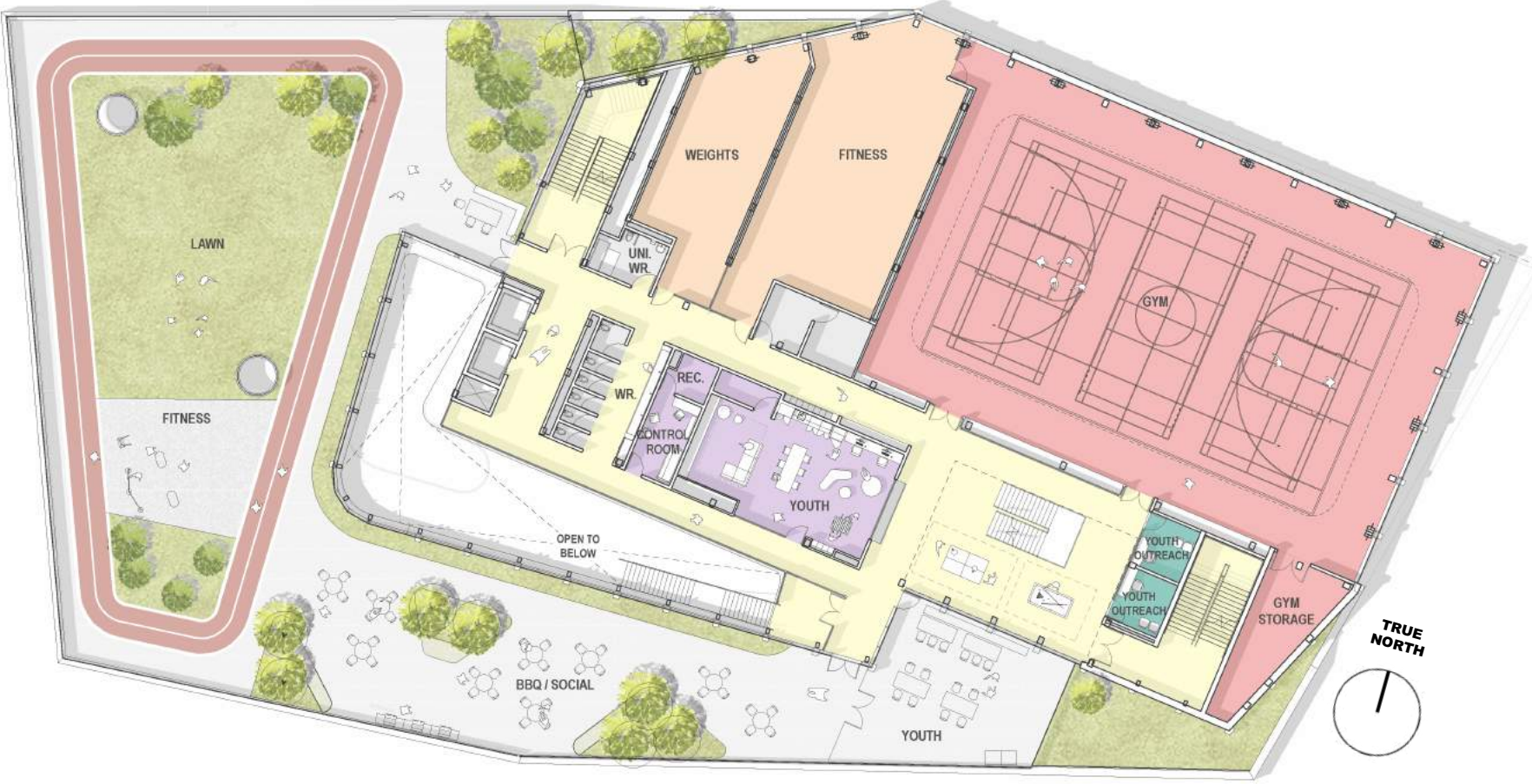


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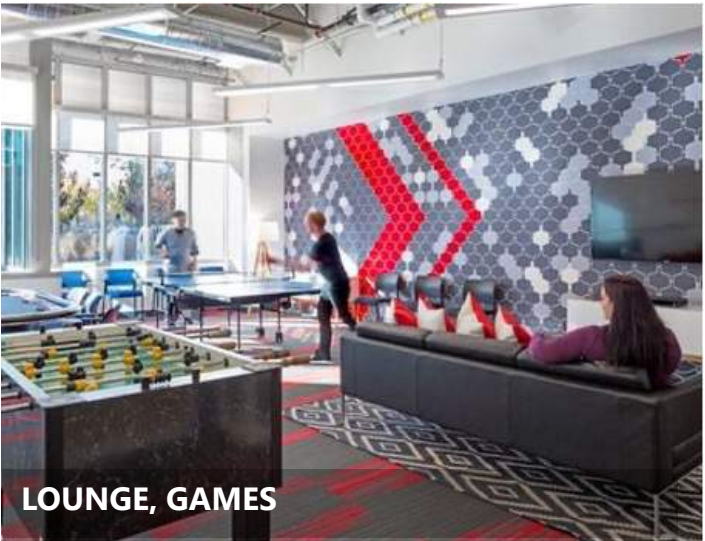


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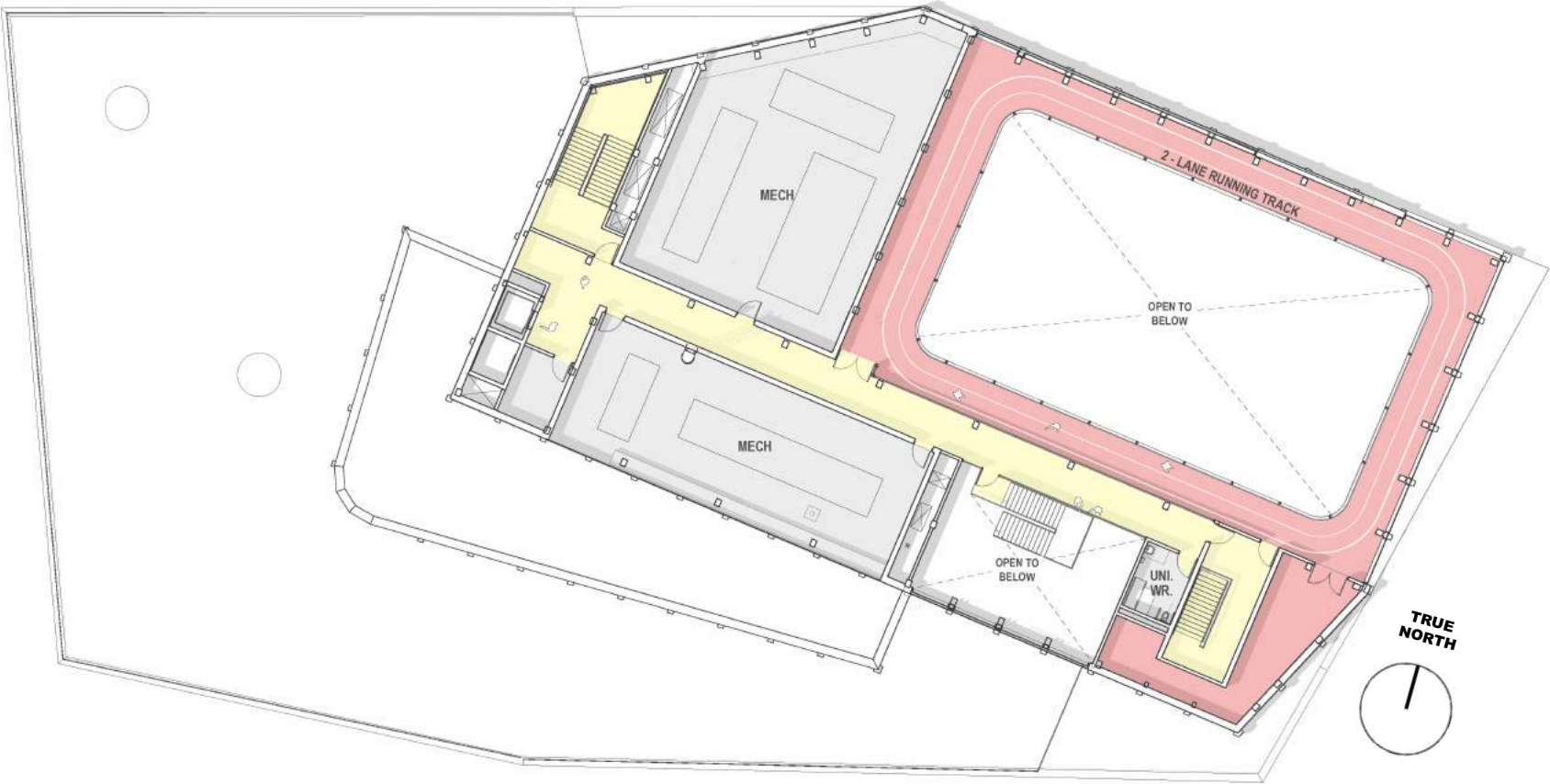
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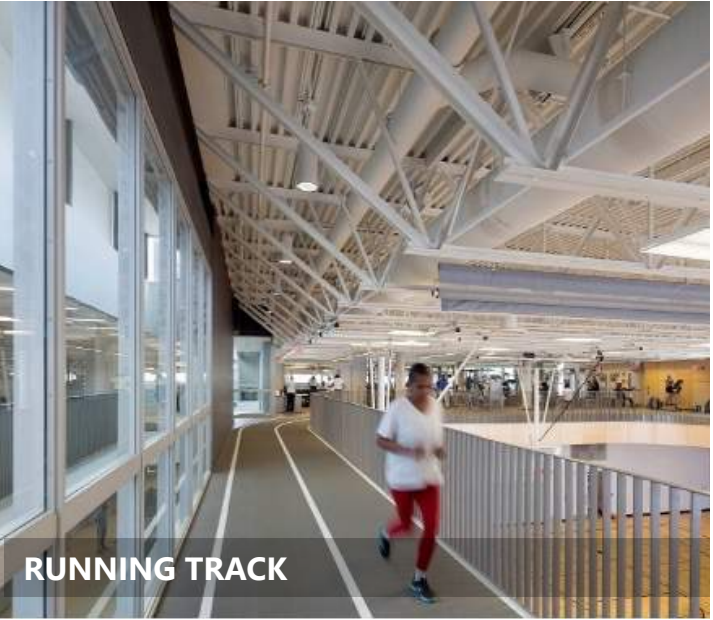


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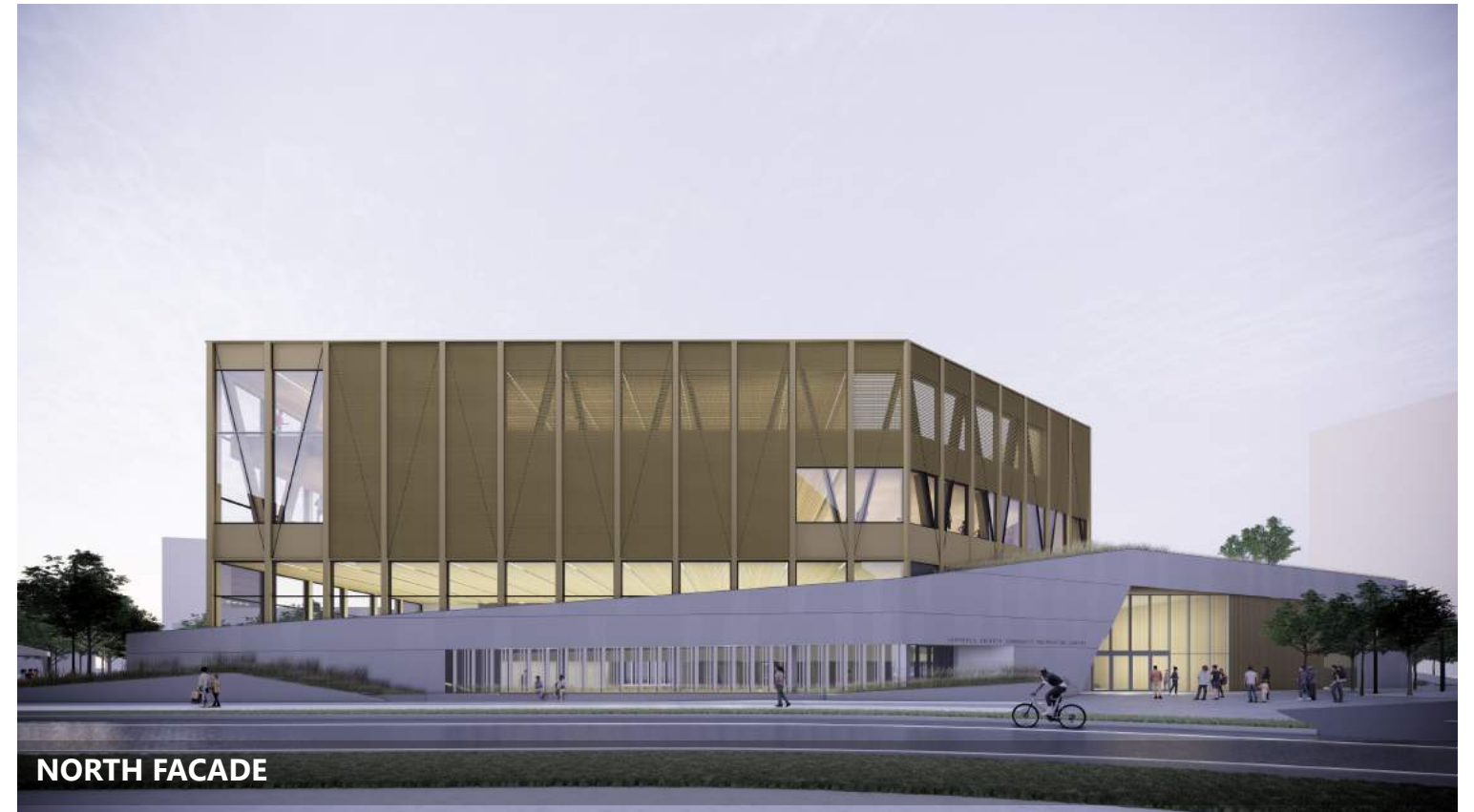
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Early Draft Renderings of the CRC

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Pick your favourite spaces and tell us what their design should include!



**1. Youth and Technology Space / Youth Lounge
/ Music Space**

(Located on the 3rd Floor)



2. Aquatics

(Located on the Ground Floor)



3. Gymnasium / Running Track

(Located on the 3rd Floor & 4th Floor)



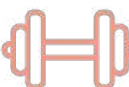
4. Community Kitchen & Food Space

(Located on the Ground Floor)



5. Multi-purpose Rooms

(Located on the Ground Floor & 2nd Floor)



6. Fitness & Weights Space / Dance Space

(Located on the 3rd Floor & 2nd Floor)



**7. Outdoor Space – Ground Floor, like Community
Square, Multi-sport Court, Play Areas**



8. Outdoor Space – Active Roof

(Located on the 3rd Floor)



9. Social and Public Space, like Lounge areas, Lobby

(Located on the Ground Floor, 2nd Floor, 3rd Floor, 4th Floor)



10. Indigenous Cultural Needs Spaces

(See Site Plan, Ground Floor, 2nd Floor)