

Canada Games Pool - Fitness Centre

The primary hurdle faced with relocating 557 sq.m of fitness assets (including cardio machines, free weights, selectorized equipment and multi-use fitness stations) was finding a space in the City's facility inventory that could accommodate a great portion of the equipment while disrupting the least amount of existing programming. A complete audit of existing facilities and programs offered within those facilities has been undertaken. The Civic Facilities Division of the Engineering Department was also consulted in regards to the availability and suitability of non-traditional city owned facilities.

The largest available space identified in the City's facility audit that has the most amount of underutilized space is the Centennial Community Centre (CCC) gymnasium. Currently over the course of a 7-day week, the CCC gymnasium houses 19 hours of group fitness classes, 3 hours of pickleball and 4.25 hours of general recreation programs. This space is currently being programmed for just over 25% of the operational hours of the facility and is unused for the remainder of the operational time. The structural integrity of the gym floor has been assessed and preparations for the addition of electrical services are underway to in order to support the operation of the multiple cardio and electronic fitness machines.

In early December, 2021, operating hours were extended at the Queensborough Community Centre (QCC) fitness centre and youth fitness centre in Moody Park (co-located at Century House) as a first step to help mitigate the impacts of the CGP Fitness Centre closure.

EXISTING POLICY AND PRACTICE

It has been the practice of the City, and Parks and Recreation Department, in the face of unplanned closures and/or disruption of services, to attempt to resume services as early as possible and sustain those services using all reasonable and practical means.

DISCUSSION

In order to support the relocation of the CGP Fitness Centre to the CCC gymnasium, internal and external facilities have been secured to accommodate existing impacted recreation programs as discussed below. (see Attachment 1).

Group Fitness

Century House – Douglas-Fir rooms, A/B/C rooms, and Multipurpose (small gym)

In consultation with Century House staff and by informing Century House Association, staff were able to relocate group fitness classes to underutilized spaces in this facility without displacing current or future programs. The facility will house all evening group fitness classes and weekend fitness classes. These times were not currently programmed for Century house programs or services. Both on-site and street parking is available at this location and the site is serviced by transit on Eighth Street and the Rotary Crosstown Greenway network.

Centennial Lodge – Multi-purpose room

In consultation and consensus with the Arts Council of New Westminster and Queen's Park Preschool Society who both operate out of Centennial Lodge in Queens Park, Centennial Lodge will host morning fitness classes on Monday, Wednesday and Friday Mornings. This location is very close in proximity to where the programs have been provided in the past.

Centennial Community Centre – River Room

Tuesday and Thursday morning fitness classes will be located in the River room within Centennial Community Centre. These classes generally have fewer participants. If required, additional demand can be accommodated by providing back to back classes in this space.

Community Recreation Programs***Centennial Community Centre***

Sportball programs and Birthday Parties that were programmed in the gymnasium will be relocated to alternate rooms in Centennial Community Centre. They will be offered at the same time, just a different room. Childminding will continue at Centennial Community Centre Monday – Friday mornings as regularly scheduled. Requests for childminding at other facilities will be evaluated as they arise.

Pickleball***Herbert Spencer Elementary***

In partnership with the New Westminster School District, City staff worked with School District staff to create a reciprocal agreement for the use of gymnasium space at Herbert Spencer Elementary on Saturday's and Sunday's. Herbert Spencer Elementary will now house 2 hours each weekend day of pickleball. This will expand the current sport offering from 1.5 hours to 2 hours each program day. The school gymnasium will be upgraded with the required pickleball court lines. The City's pickleball equipment will be available to the school's students as part of their physical education program.

Timeline for the proposed transfer of locations will be as follows:

- February 14, 2022 - Group Fitness, Pickleball and Recreation Programs move to alternative locations
- February 14 – 18 – Coordinate site infrastructure to accommodate CGP fitness centre in CCC gymnasium (e.g. install electrical and equipment supports to allow for the equipment relocation).
- February 18 – 25 – Move equipment from CGP to CCC gymnasium.
- February 28st – pending safety inspections, open relocated Fitness Centre to public.

CCC Gymnasium Rental

The current rental user who had tentatively booked CCC gymnasium space in 2022 is the Hyack Swim Club. As this club currently no longer has established pool time, they have not been utilizing the space in the CCC gymnasium. A historical rental agreement with

the YMCA Healthy Heart program has not been active since late 2019. When approached by staff in fall of 2021, this rental was not re-instated by the user for 2022. If and when the user should require rental space, staff will provide multi-purpose room allocation at other times in CCC. Staff have been in discussions with YMCA to discuss the potential shared use the relocated Fitness Centre space to run their program.

Staff will continue to work with all historical users of the CCC gymnasium to find appropriate space accommodations when those users choose to re-engage in a rental contract.

Communications

A communications plan has been developed to inform existing facility patrons and the community at large of the changes in the services formerly offered at Canada Games Pool and adjustments to services at the Centennial Community Centre. The primary sources of program information will include:

<i>Information Source</i>	<i>Available Date</i>
Directly affected user groups - informative meeting	January 31, 2022
Media release	January 31, 2022
Group Fitness participant – in person communications	February 1-4, 2022
Drop in program brochure – released with new location information	February 1

In addition, a transfer of services quick reference chart, internal communications to staff with FAQ’s and facility signage.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Incremental operating budget impacts will be incurred to support the relocated and expanded services as outlined below.

A. Relocated CGP Fitness Services and Associated CCC Gym Program Relocation

	Incremental Annual Expense
School Use expense	\$15,300
Administrative and Program Support Expense	\$52,300
Offsetting new revenue	\$200,600
Estimated Annual Operating Surplus	\$133,300
On-time materials, equipment and contracted services	\$58,300
2022 Estimate Net Surplus	\$75,000

The surplus from the relocated CGP Fitness Services (\$75,000) will help offset the expected deficit derived from the extension of the outdoor pool season.

INTERDEPARTMENTAL LIAISON

Staff from Parks and Recreation, Finance, and Engineering Departments have contributed to this report.

OPTIONS

1. Receive this report for information.
2. Provide alternate direction to staff.

Option #1 is recommended.

CONCLUSION

In an effort to sustain the programs and services offered previously at the Canada Games Pool, City staff have found alternate locations and service delivery models for affected programs. Canada Games Pool Fitness Centre is planned to be relocated to the Centennial Community Centre gymnasium. Group fitness classes housed by CCC gymnasium will be relocated to other rooms in CCC, Centennial Lodge and Century House with all existing fitness classes being accommodated in new spaces. Pickleball will be relocated to Herbert Spencer Elementary School and other recreation programs will be accommodated in alternate spaces at CCC.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Location of relocated CCC gymnasium programs to accommodate CGP Fitness Centre

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