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Sportsplex space assessment update

With the Strathcona Gardens RECREATE feasibility study underway, Campbell River City Council has decided to postpone a decision on potential changes at the Sportsplex.

"It makes good financial and planning sense to wait until the results of the Strathcona Gardens process are confirmed before the City launches any plans for changes or expansion at the Sportsplex," explains Ross Milnthorp, the City's general manager of parks, recreation and culture. *"We want to make sure these two popular recreation and fitness facilities continue to offer complementary rather than competing uses."*

In 2016, the City conducted a space assessment at the Sportsplex. The City ran a survey and held open house events to consult with community members as part of a review of current and anticipated demand for services at the facility.

Working with VDA Architecture, the final report presented to City Council included a range of options, including:

- the addition of 3,500 square feet to accommodate a larger weight room space
- repurposing the current weight room as a fitness studio for spin, pilates and yoga
- offering Court 4 for squash use
- renovating the front desk and lobby for enhanced service
- improving sightlines inside and outside the building
- additional storage space for equipment and supplies

The report proposes a timeline of six years to complete the changes, at a total estimated cost of \$3.5 million (factors in a 20 per cent inflation rate). The City would seek federal and provincial government funding for a portion of this project.

"We thank all community members who shared their ideas during the Sportsplex space assessment exercise and will continue to update the community on the progress of this initiative," Milnthorp adds. *"Since we're not certain how long it might be before any decision on changes to Strathcona Gardens is confirmed, we expect to check in with the community again before taking detailed recommendations to Council for budget approval."*

The Strathcona Regional District RECREATE feasibility study will consider improvements, renovations and expansion of that facility based on a needs assessment and community consultation conducted in 2015.

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