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Sportsplex improvements in the works – come see the plans and share your ideas!

Drop by an informal open house on Tuesday, June 21 from 3 to 8 p.m. at the Sportsplex to view designs for enhancements to meet the growing demand for services at the popular recreation facility.

“The Sportsplex was initially opened more than 20 years ago, and its use has changed dramatically in that time,” says Ross Milnthorp, the City’s general manager of parks, recreation and culture. *“Fitness classes have expanded to include more than 30 classes each week, weight room use has steadily increased, afterschool programming has become extremely popular and the surrounding park area has continued to grow with additions of the skate park, sand volleyball courts, splash pad, ball hockey, and disc golf course.*

“With a shortage of space and demand continuing to increase, we invite the many people using the Sportsplex programs and services to work with us to determine how best to revamp this facility to make the most of the many demands for programs and services,” adds recreation and culture manager Lynn Wark.

Wark cites the results of public consultation in 2014 that confirmed the community’s desire to have all four racquet courts available for squash and/or racquetball, and for an expanded weight room with updated equipment.

“At the same time, we need to make room for storage and address any health and safety issues as the Sportsplex becomes busier,” she says.

VDA Architecture has been hired to conduct a space assessment and offer suggestions to renovate, revamp or add onto the Sportsplex. Preliminary designs will be on display at the open house for public comment and feedback.

For more information, please call Lynn Wark, Recreation and Culture Manager, at the Sportsplex (250-923-7911).

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