

1. What are the results of last winter's public consultation?

A large number of citizens took part in the public consultation process. More than 500 responses to the online survey were received and more than 500 citizens attended the information evenings in person or online. In addition, the videos of the information sessions on the Town's website have been viewed more than 800 times since being posted.

The results of the consultation are very clear: a majority of citizens are strongly in favour of the Town investing in new, modern and nearby sports and community infrastructures:

- 94% of survey respondents said they agreed with these investments;
- 90% of survey respondents said they agreed with the idea of constructing a new centre equipped with an indoor pool.

It is also clear that citizens are impatient for the sports and community centre project to become a reality. Among the take-aways from the consultation were:

- the importance of controlling costs and the impacts on the Town's finances;
- citizens' desire to be kept up-to-date on the progress of the project;
- the importance of maintaining services during the construction;
- the importance of preserving and enhancing the maximum amount of green space.

2. Is construction of the Sports and Community Centre (SCC) project confirmed?

Yes, the project is officially moving ahead. Council adopted a resolution to that effect at its May meeting.

3. What does the CSC project consist of exactly?

It is the sports and community centre project as presented at the public consultation last winter. All the services and facilities included in the preceding version of the project are also found in this second version (V2) but are set up differently: indoor pool, gymnasium, fitness and multipurpose rooms, indoor fitness track, studios, etc.

4. What did the Council members base their decision on?

Council's vision is to construct a sports and community centre that will become a rallying point where Townies can gather, interact and build true community spirit. These new, modern and safe facilities will become a place for organizing and taking part in a large number of physical, cultural and community activities.

The principles guiding elected officials are:

- Responding to citizens' demands and needs;
- Conservation some of the initial project components;

- Maintaining services during the construction with no need to relocate staff;
- Preserving and enhancing green spaces;
- Completion of a more cost-effective, better adapted project;
- Constructing infrastructures for today and tomorrow;
- Improving the architectural integration on Roosevelt Blvd.

The new infrastructure project will not only improve the quality of life for residents, but will also ensure appropriate, functional and compliant workplaces for employees.

5. Where will it be built?

The new sports and community centre will be located between the current Recreation Centre and Town Hall. Of course, access from the indoor parking facility will also be provided.

6. What is the project schedule and when will we be able to start using the facilities? *

June 2023	Call for tenders for professionals to prepare the Functional and Technical Program (FTP), the document that precisely defines our requirements (first step of a design-build project)
Summer 2023	Preparation of the FTP and performance specification
Winter 2024	Call for tenders for the design-build contract
Summer 2024	Awarding of the design-build contract
Fall 2024	Start of work
Fall 2026	End of work
Winter 2027	Commissioning

**This is a preliminary schedule that may be changed.*

7. Will the current Recreation Centre be demolished before the new centre is constructed?

No. To ensure citizens continue to have access to facilities, the current Recreation Centre (built in 1967) will not be demolished until the new centre has been opened. Maintaining services is desired by citizens and a priority for Council.

8. Will any green spaces be lost?

No. We listened to and heard citizens and are taking steps to maintain a maximum of green space in accordance with their wishes. In working on the project, we will keep these priorities in mind so that the future sports and community centre preserves as much vegetation as possible.

9. How much will the Sports and Community Centre cost and what will the impact on taxpayers be?

The financial estimates for building the new sports and community centre are still preliminary. However, we are committed to keeping citizens informed.

To carry out this project while minimizing costs for taxpayers, Council has opted for the design-build (DB) approach, which improves predictability (no unpleasant surprises) and cost control (no major cost overruns).

10. What exactly is a design-build approach?

Design-build is a turnkey service for the Town. With this method, the entire contract is awarded to a single tenderer, which is responsible for drafting the plans and specifications and then constructing the facility. The method has several significant advantages:

- Improved predictability (no unpleasant surprises);
- Improved cost control (major cost overruns are impossible);
- Fewer calls for tenders and contracts to be managed (significant time savings);
- Simplified coordination between the parties involved;
- Fewer disputes with the construction company and other suppliers.

11. Will we be kept informed of the coming phases of the project?

Definitely. Council is committed to keeping the public up-to-date about the progress of work on the sports and community centre project. Several communication tools will be developed and regularly updated to widely and transparently distribute news about the project.

12. What's happening with the other parts of the Quartier sportif & communautaire (QSC) presented to us last winter?

The construction of the new sports and community centre is the centrepiece project and first deliverable of Council's vision of the Quartier sportif & communautaire. The other parts of the vision will be added during subsequent phases in the coming years. What we're proposing here is a long-term project to improve the infrastructures of the Town of Mount Royal.