

FAQ

1- What is the vision for the Quartier sportif & communautaire?

The heart of the vision for the Quartier sportif & communautaire is the construction of a new recreation centre with an indoor pool to replace the current “REC” building. The needs are real and pressing; the REC has exceeded its capacity for over 15 years and waiting lists for activities continue to grow. The new project responds to the aspirations and needs of all Townies: families, youth, parents, seniors, active retirees, sports enthusiasts, arts and culture lovers, etc.

In addition to the Recreation centre (REC), the vision ultimately encompasses the building of a new arena, refurbishment of the old arena, renovation of the outdoor pool and clubhouse, as well as facilities for soccer, basketball, pickleball, and more.

In addition, jointly with the *Service de sécurité incendie de Montréal – SIM* (fire department), we intend to build a new fire station and municipal building, since the current building no longer meets our needs. The SIM will pay the costs associated with their portion of the building.

2- Where will these facilities be located?

All of the facilities included in the vision for the Quartier sportif & communautaire will be built within the quadrangle where the Town Hall, the old REC, the old fire station and other buildings that require major upgrades are currently located. Our vision is to create a true neighbourhood with modern, safe and human-scale infrastructures that will benefit the entire population.

The Recreation centre will be built between the current REC and the Town Hall.

3- What activities will we be able to enjoy at the new Recreation centre?

The new REC will meet all the needs already identified in past consultations with the public. Here is what the centre has planned:

Pool and sports

- Pool area
 - Basin 1 (8 lanes)
 - Basin 2 (lessons)
 - Basin 3 (slide)
- Gym
- Running track

- Exercise, fitness, training, & spinning rooms
- Dance/ballet room
- Locker rooms

Arts and community life

- Pottery and art studios
- Multi-purpose rooms for classes/activities and for teachers
- Seniors' lounge and kitchen
- Youth centre
- Café/bistro
- Offices for community organizations
- Conference rooms

4- When will we be able to enjoy these new facilities?

The vision for the Quartier sportif & communautaire will be carried out over several years. The Recreation centre will be the first facility to be built, ideally within three years. As for the other sports facilities, it is still too early to establish a timetable.

5- Why not simply renovate the existing facilities?

The arena will in fact be renovated. However, the recreation centre, outdoor pool, municipal building and fire station are so outdated that they will have to be demolished and rebuilt.

6- Do we really need all these facilities?

The needs are real and pressing; the existing REC has exceeded its capacity for over 15 years and waiting lists for activities continue to grow. The other buildings are also outdated and no longer meet demand: the arena, outdoor pool, chalet, fire station, and so on.

There has been no sports/recreation infrastructure built in Town of Mount Royal since the existing REC, which is almost 60 years old! And even the REC has not benefited from any major investment to upgrade it during all this time.

7- Could only part of the vision be completed?

The recreation centre is our priority and it is planned to be built in a single phase. Achieving the entire vision, meanwhile, will extend over several years and could be carried out in part only. At this stage, it is still too early to establish a timetable or even a construction sequence for the other sports facilities.

8- Since not all residents will use these new facilities, why not introduce a user-pay principle to ensure greater equity?

We sincerely believe that the Quartier sportif & communautaire is a community project that meets the aspirations and needs of all Townies:

- Families and young people will have access to modern and safe sports and recreational facilities;
- Active seniors and retirees will be able to rediscover their Town's community spirit and benefit from a meeting place that reflects their needs and preferences;
- Arts and culture enthusiasts will be able to take advantage of rooms and equipment adapted to their needs;
- Community organizations will have access to new functional spaces to hold their activities.

A project like this will enable TMR to enhance and increase its services, while bringing itself up to the level of neighbouring municipalities.

9- Will green spaces be lost?

No, on the contrary, once the Quartier sportif & communautaire is completed, there will be a higher percentage of green spaces than what was planned in the previous project.

10- Can I give my opinion or comment on the project or suggest improvements?

Yes, definitely! Residents are invited to complete the online survey. Hard copies of the questionnaire are also available at Town Hall. A dedicated e-mail inbox (QuartierSC@ville.mont-royal.qc.ca) is also available for citizens to share their thoughts.

Whether you write a 10-page brief or e-mail us a few sentences, all comments will be read and analyzed in the preparation of the consultation report.

This report will be used to improve the current project and to move forward with the next steps.

The deadline for completing the questionnaire and submitting comments is February 25.