Appendix 1

Verbatim comments

Verbatim comments presented here include all feedback, suggestions, comments and messages that were collected online and in-person through the engagement described in this report. All input has been reviewed and provided to Project Teams to be considered in decision making for the project.

Any personal identifying information has been removed from the verbatim comments presented here. Comments or portions of comments that contain profanity, or that are not in compliance with the City's Respectful Workplace Policy or Online Tool Moderation Practice, have also been removed from participant submissions and replaced with "[redacted]". Wherever possible the remainder of the submissions remains. No other edits to the feedback have been made, and the verbatim comments are as received. As a result, some of the content in this verbatim record may still be considered offensive or distasteful to some readers.

Online feedback

What types of arts and community activities and programs would you like to see offered in a new multi-purpose space? (Select all that apply)

'Other' responses

- Theatre space (like seton ymca)
- Soft play area for toddlers
- Bungee Dance
- Larger room for group gatherings. Like halls
- Music and collaboration
- Theatre
- Special needs programming
- Bungee Dance
- Bungee dance
- spaces for all age groups including seniors
- Bungee fitness
- Theatre
- Study space with extra electrical outlets; walking track in rec center
- Bungee fitness (can be in the dance room)
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- Party/event space rental
- Drop in art studios, mom & tot groups
- Skating rink
- Hall for community events with seating capacity of 250 minimum

- Space for learning/teaching programs, ie. career advice, health care programs, etc. There is nowhere to add additional commments, so I would like to add that it would be nice to have a squash/racquetball court available in this facility.
- Ability to host volunteer groups like Brown bag lunch for kids
- Senior groups
- Birthday party space
- Dance Studio
- Bungee dance
- indoor track for walking, separate from a running track, for us seniors, esp. in inclimate weather
- Birthday party rooms, youth development events, kick boxing and boxing for women training
- Bungee dance
- Church meeting place
- Special needs connection IE DHH
- Rock climbing wall, it’s a fun activity for all ages. It doesn’t have to be big, but it’d be beneficial.
- Bungee dance
- Bungee fitness
- My family Will love
- Walking track
- Would love to see artificial indoor turf
- musical theater,dance lessons, cooking lessons
- Party space for kids
- We need a football field
- English lessons
- Ice skating competition
- Rooms for party, small gathering
- Skatepark
- Beach volleyball courts outside for summer
- Use to book an event
- community events fun and games
- Meeting space is important because there is little public spaces this side of mcloed trail.
- Pilates, language classes, music classes
- Room to conduct any event
- Not important to me
- Art and craft lessons like the one in NW
- Board games nights,video game tournamets for youth
- senior activities
- pilates equipments
- Ice Skating lessons and competition for kids that would like to learn.
- Dancing classes

- Vídeo Game Area For Youth
- Movie night, community event
- as there was no space above, I'd like to see kickboxing equipment
- Rock climbing
- A rentable theatre!
- Birthday party room
- Mental health/ mindfulness spaces with nature and silence
- Theatre space/Stage
- Birthday party rooms/spacrs
- Board game library with area to play or ability to borrow them
- A space that offers programs for youth
- Space for senior programs
- Table tennis
- Just an overall comment has an indoor walking track been considered? This would be great for winter months or in the summer when it’s too hot out.
- Tai chi classes
- Event Center space for hosting kid’s birthday parties, Kids indoor playground or similar idea to Treehouse (free or for a fee both works).
- Need cafe
- Extra help for students, classes
- Trampoline, jump and acro training (ideally in a place adjacent to the deep water space. (Water polo and artistic swimming regulation depth).
- if provide some Ping Pong tennis table for senior residents who are closed by, that will be wonderful !
- Yoga, sound baths and other mindful based activities and not just children geared arts and crafts
- Booking community studios for dance rehearsal, Cafeteria/study area for youth to study and socialize, Library and
- Leadership
- Events
- Adult arts classes
- Pop up calgary library
- Birthday Parties
- Have the ability to access this space from the exterior so it can be rented outside the main building hours of operation. As a fastball coach we were restricted due to janitors hours. Gym ceiling height - fastball/ baseball & basketball/ badminton needs winter training spaces .
- A decent size halls to accommodate community events.
- indoor playground
- AI learning hub
- Adult art classes
- The ability for grass roots clubs to rent space I. E. Judo
- Small party hall for kids
- Dance/Aerobics/Zumba Classes or Cooking classes etc

- Indoor walking path
- Senior activities
- Water park like Seton YMCA and ice rink for skating, Gym, swimming pool and Basketball, volleyball and badminton
- Walking/running track
- Kids Birthday - Indoor playground
- Accessibility to those with special needs
- Track for walking!
- Would be amazing to have small children play area as well
- Tennis
- Badminton
- Community Theatre
- Music space
- Birthday rental rooms
- An indoor walking track for cold winters and heated pools for handicap. A place to host bday parties.
- Event Halls - bookable
- Sensory area for persons with additional needs
- Cooking and baking studios
- A heated pool that is wheelchair accessible
- Youth employment
- Tennis or climbing wall

Are there any amenities or equipment we should consider when planning the multi-purpose space to host arts and community programs? (Select all that apply)

'Other' responses

- Dance and theatre flooring & tech equipment
- 6ft tables and folding chairs
- Bungee Equipment
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- Bungee dance equipment
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- A theatre would be amazing. Dance studios as well.
- Bungee dance equipment (very cheap, less than $1000 for 6 to 8 unit)
- Bungee fitness equipment
- Pottery equipment
- Accessibility
- Mirror wall, tables and chairs, whiteboard
- bigger lockers and free parking lot
- Foldable desks with outlets for computer trainings/work sessions with audience
- Parking, umbrellas, bathroon , locker room

- Table and comfortable chairs
- Bungee dance equipment
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- Writing Boards
- Please consider accessible considerations for persons with disabilities, not just physical but mental disabilities. For example having open swim times where the ramp is so they can access the water easily, not having blaring loud music etc.
- Kitchen that would offer full cooking facility for event events
- Fridge- no stove
- Lots of young families in the area. A private space for breastfeeding would be a great addition!
- Bungee dance equipment
- Bungee fitness equipment
- Honestly the most important thing this needs is a massive parking lot, because it's already a nightmare to park on belmont ave as it is. Residents are regularly arguing and fighting for parking spaces on belmont ave, and its only gotten worse since the apartments have been added, and this is going to make it impossible to live in Belmont as a commuter.
- Dishwasher
- Best deal for my family
- we need some good eats
- Needed Indoor artificial turf
- Nursery room
- High ceiling room
- Microwave
- Microwave
- Tables and chairs
- Tables and chairs if you were to book the space for events
- Chairs
- fresh local health food or drink options (snacks, smoothies, soups), comfortable seating, tables, booth setup, natural lighting, plants,
- Tables/ chairs
- Tables, chairs, dinnerware, cutlery
- Would love to see a 3D printer and/or laser cutter!
- Please build bridge over macleod at 194th and/or 210 first
- Tables and chairs
- Water fountain, dedicated area for eateries
- Hockey rink
- Laser cutting machine and a 3d printer
- Exhaust fans for spaces used for art/painting classes
- Microwave oven, drinking water station
- Athletic equipment like yoga mats and weights
- Community room
- More benches or seating area - generally a waiting area with books

- It would be great to have an indoor bouldering or rock climbing facility element.
- Places to sit and enjoy a coffee with friends or when waiting for children
- Makers space supplies- community art machinery (sewing machines etc.) to book out
- Mirror, Projector
- Seating areas
- Movie Nights in the Gymnasium!
- Cooler yes stove no. plug ins for induction hot. plates. Foldable tables & chairs. Recycle centre.
- Fridge, a variety of seating and table options to accomodate different types of events
- Food court (juice & snack corner)
- It would be neat if there could be a teaching kitchen where cooking classes could be held (perhaps partnering with AHS dietitians)
- Indoor play structures; pianos
- Breastfeeding rooms
- Screens for Visualization of AI Models and Learning
- Tables to paint
- No preference
- Just fridge, no stove
- Party Hall with prep kitchen.
- Ok
- WLking/running track
- Accessibility to those with special needs
- No carpet for painting. Suficiente lighting or sunlight
- A theatre with corresponding stage, seating, lighting and audio equipment. This could serve multiple community events, conferences, assemblies and more.
- Just a fridge instead of fridge and stove
- Maternity room especially for infants to change diapers. For inspiration check chinook malls family restroom.
- Quick bites! Food stalls
- Moving wall to separate spaces

Other feedback

Note: This feedback was shared outside the structured questions but will be reviewed alongside all input received. While some comments may be outside the specific scope of this phase, they will help inform our overall understanding of community priorities.

‘Improving our engagement with you’ feedback form

- I wnat to have spray park, wadding pool, open gympark,inclusive park indoor free gym for kids
- We need outdoor pickleball courts
- Why do we have this “go big or go home” mentality when building recreation facilities? I think most of us using these facilities just want a venue that is functional and well maintained, and not necessarily in one huge, overwhelming structure.

- With the new facilities coming up; has the city thought about the potential surge in traffic on 210 and eventually longer wait times at the traffic light on 210 and McLeod. I hope city is also planning for decongestion ahead of time.
- We need out door pickleball courts as well
- I am greatful to be part of this
- Thank you for involving the community. The SW definitely need this facility as it has outgrown the Shawnessy YMCA. As a national coach, I hope Pickleball will be added to the sports as there are no other open facilities in the SW to play the sport.
- to make the aquatic portion competitive in calgary we're gonna need a massive, extreme, and fast slide
- What will be the timeline for the project start to end
- The engagement team was very polite in Silverado (Sobeys).
- There was no limit on the number of times I could fill in the survey. This could cause the results to be massively inaccurate if one person answers it repeatedly.
- It is really important what will be in my living area. Waterpark for children can give oportunity to better know your community and integration people from all area. Impact for our future should be build with our needs
- I wanted to specifically be able to comment that Pickleball indoor AND outdoor is so important to the growing sport and connects the community in such a fun and social way. The outdoor courts would be so important!
- The survey provides no opportunity for 'other'. None of the aquatic choices were appealing to me. I would have liked to add adult only lane swimming. As a researcher, you need to allow people to provide feedback outside of programmed responses.
- Just as a note, if possible it would be awesome to have flexible passes. I don’t use fitness equipment but I enjoy lane swim. It would be nice to cater a community pass to the people’s specific wants & needs! Thanks for the consideration!
- I was very excited when I received the direct mail card. I have more wellness ideas I'd love to share! Looking forward to getting together at any in person events and helping to shape the future of this space :)
- Please add alot of senior programs
- It is very important that Southwest Calgary has a recreation center as the one being proposed.Today's young generation along with seniors do need an indoor facility where they can connect and stay active ,and not just watch television
- I have learned from past experiences that my opinion/input means nothing. Decisions have already been made.
- I would like to provide more input on the importance of ensuring new spaces are suitable for hosting of high level competitions, training of sport, and allow mutli use. This attracts events, people to inspire the next generation.
- Great way to engage
- that is very meaningful for our residents
- Can't wait to see what is built
- Like being asked for opinions and input
- Similar survey for location would have been a good call from team.
- n/a
- We need a recreational centre here in down south because it really been difficult for us sometimes to get our kids register for activities. Thank you for putting this into place

- Perhaps provide examples of how the meeting space could be used so people can envision what needs may arise better. It's a critical space with the loss of community centres in newly developped neighborhoods.
- I like how calgary ask its people on what they need. Keep it up! And thanks