



# Park City West Community Centre

## New Facility Update and Timeline of Significant Events

As many of you know, we have been working on building a new facility for the residents of Transcona for several years now. The good news is there has been some significant accomplishments recently so we wanted to share these with you as well as educate our Members as to the work that has been done so far and what is left to be done. Specifically, what is left to be done in large part now is to secure funding.

2004 - New facility committee was formed with board members of PCWCC. This group was formed to explore the potential benefit of a new facility and if it was even possible.

2005 - Conceptual plans were created. Later that year we held an Open House to present the idea and get feedback from residents. As you know the feedback was overwhelmingly positive so we moved forward.

2006: Our project (arena and healthy living centre) was identified as a priority in GCWCC's (General Council of Winnipeg Community Centers "Plan for a Renewed and Vibrant Community Centre Movement"

2005, 2006, 2007 - 'Raise the Roof' fundraising socials were held to raise money to help move the project closer to reality. Ongoing discussions were held with political leaders and GCWCC.

2007 - At the recommendation of GCWCC, we conducted a Community consultation/Public survey of almost 300 area residents, including members of the Retired Citizens Centre. 88% of respondents were positive in their support of the project. In terms of what you wanted to see in the new building:

1. Exercise Equipment	62.63%
2. Running/walking program	53.98%
3. Skills camps (hockey, soccer, baseball)	48.44%
4. Indoor Ice programs	43.6%

2009 - Park City West's arena and healthy living centre project was identified as a priority in **GCWCC's Plan 2025**. Plan 2025 was released last year and is a blueprint for city-owned community clubs. Our plan was also approved by Executive Policy Committee and City Council. We also applied for RinC funding (Federal funding) but were not successful. With a new business plan, we can review new funding options.

2010 – We are finalizing our business plan (primarily paid for by funds raised at our fundraising socials), initiated detailed discussions about a partnership with **The Wellness Institute** regarding them becoming a tenant in our new building and a New Facility Advisory committee is in the process of being formed.

It is important to note that all along this has been a transparent process- the board of Park City West has been in constant contact with the community and all levels of government. Additionally, all projects recommended under **Plan 2025** were approved by all the Transcona community centres, with the objective of providing improved and complementary services and programs to the citizens of Transcona.

We are extremely excited about how close we are now. **The Wellness Institute** looks like a great partner for this project as they offer a multitude of programs and services, many that are unique in Winnipeg. It is our hope to hold another Open House in the fall to announce the completion of the business plan and to provide residents a chance to learn more about **The Wellness Institute** and what their involvement in our expansion might look like. This is a great opportunity to learn about their existing services and programs.

**If you are interested in being a part of making this project a reality, please contact Scott Donald @ 293-3123 or [scott.donald@rogers.blackberry.net](mailto:scott.donald@rogers.blackberry.net)**

## New Arena and Healthy Living Centre

Although not new, this picture really helps to provide an idea of what the new facility will look like inside. It is exciting to think that in a year or two there may be a state of the art facility for the residents of Transcona to play sports and be active and healthy, 12 months of the year. Since this new building will be attached to the existing facility, no green space will be lost. We will maintain 2 outdoor rinks, our soccer field and baseball diamond as well as all of that great space on the east side of the building. In fact, our long term goal is to eventually build a spray pad and add several picnic tables. What a great way to spend a hot summer day!

