



OPEN HOUSE AND PUBLIC INPUT MEETING

BLAIRMORE CENTRE

TWO OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

Tuesday June 13, 2006
James L. Alexander School Gym
427 McCormack Road

Wednesday June 14, 2006
St. Marguerite School Gym
1235 McCormack Road

6:30 – 7:15 pm Open House
7:15 – 7:45 pm Presentation
7:45 – 9:00 pm Public Input Session

Meeting Purpose:

- To inform the public and interested stakeholders on the overall project
- To hear your ideas for programs that could be offered using Phase I of the civic recreation centre, and the areas in Tommy Douglas Collegiate and Bethlehem Catholic High School that will be available for public use. These areas will include:

2 large gyms, 2 auxiliary gyms, 2 community rooms, 2 theatres, 2-3 meeting spaces, multi-purpose room, room for children's programming, fitness/weight room, dance classroom with sprung floor

- To seek feedback on design and programming ideas for Phase II



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WHAT IS BLAIRMORE?

The Blairmore Centre involves the development of a multi-district park in the Blairmore suburban development area. This site also includes the Tommy Douglas Collegiate, Bethlehem Catholic High School and a Civic Centre.

The partners, Saskatchewan Learning, City of Saskatoon, Saskatoon Public Schools, and Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools have developed a unique collaborative approach to integrate their resources (land, building, programs and services) in a common location, while continuing to respect the unique mandates of each participating partner.

The vision for the Blairmore Centre came from the community. The vision is to create a destination centre, built on partnerships and community values, offering programs, activities, and services in a diverse and inclusive setting.

WHICH AREA OF THE CITY DOES IT SERVE?

The integrated complex will serve residents living in the eight neighbourhoods west of Circle Drive and the proposed seven new neighbourhoods within the Blairmore Suburban Development Area. In addition, the facility will provide a location for city-wide programs and provincial, national and international competition.

The integrated complex provides a destination centre for the residents of the community to interact and participate in education, health, culture, recreation and sports programs and activities.

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN PHASE I AND PHASE II?

Phase I includes:

Tommy Douglas Collegiate

Opening in the fall of 2007, Tommy Douglas Collegiate will be a state of the art educational facility that will include a 450-seat theatre, four wings (on two floors) and lots of natural light for classrooms. Up to 1000 students will attend Tommy Douglas Collegiate.

Bethlehem Catholic High School

When it opens in fall 2007, Bethlehem Catholic High School will integrate faith and learning in a distinctive facility featuring a chapel, two gymnasiums, and a theatre. This school will be welcoming and innovative in both design and operation. Bethlehem will serve up to 850 students.

Civic Recreation Centre and Multi-District Park

The Civic Recreation Centre has a shared weight room, two auxiliary gymnasiums (one in each school), a child programming room, and support spaces. Design will also occur in 2006 for a multi-district park on City-owned land. The park will include outdoor sportsfields and multi-purpose fields, pathways and green space for open passive use. The partners have agreed to integrate park development wherever possible with our respective land and within budget realities. Construction for the multi-district park is scheduled for 2007 and 2008.

Phase II includes:

Construction of a connecting public corridor between the two high schools, shared central servery (cafeteria), a multi-purpose room, 50-meter competitive pool, leisure pool, spectator seating, and support spaces.



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TIMELINE FOR DEVELOPMENT

Spring through Fall 2005	City works on construction of Highway 7 detour road, the construction of services to this area and grading of the multi-district park/school site
Winter 2006	Tenders called for construction of two new high schools and shared components of the Civic Centre
Spring 2006	Construction begins on the new high schools and the first phase of the Community Centre Wrap up site servicing/roadwork and construct new intersection(s) on 22 nd Street to serve the suburban centre
Spring through Summer 2007. September 2007	Construction scheduled to begin for Phase II High schools and the shared components of the Civic Centre open
Fall 2008	Phase II scheduled to open

A REVIEW OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PROCESS TO DATE

The residents of Saskatoon have been kept informed and have had input into the development of the concept plan through the following;

- Visioning Conference - November 2004
- Survey Brochures – January 2005
- Telephone survey & focus group discussions – February 2005
- Public Meeting on Roadways – April 2005
- Open House – April 2005
- Open House – November 2005
- West Sector web page on City of Saskatoon website

WHAT'S NEXT?

The purpose of this newsletter is to invite you to an open house and public input meeting dealing with Phase I.

In the fall 2006 we will again be hosting an open house to report back on what we learned in June (combination open house and public input), share proposed design of the multi-district park, and confirm program ideas and seek further input for design and programming ideas for Phase II.

If you are not able to make the meeting or have questions, please contact us:

- Tommy Douglas Collegiate, please contact Saskatoon Public Schools at 683-8200.
- Bethlehem Catholic High School, please contact Saskatoon Catholic Schools at 659-7000.
- Civic Recreation Centre and Multi-District Park, please contact Catherine Gryba, Community Services Department at 975-3146, fax in at 975-3185 or visit the Blairmore Centre on the City of Saskatoon website at www.city.saskatoon.sk.ca by selecting b and then Blairmore on the civic services web page.





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