

G.H. DAWE CENTRE EXPANSION

Project Overview:

The G.H. Dawe Centre expansion project is intended to ensure The City can continue to meet our community's recreation and fitness needs into the future. The Kinex Arena is nearing the end of its lifespan and the G.H. Dawe Centre Expansion has been prioritized to ensure that we continue to meet current service levels in the number of ice surfaces that we offer. The facility expansion was identified as part of the G.H. Dawe Master Plan and the Ice Facilities Plan.

Timeline:

- 2019-2020: detailed design
- 2020: site development
- 2021-2022: construction
- Early 2023: completion

Highlights:

- The facility expansion will expand the G.H. Dawe Community Centre providing an improved sport competition venue with additional spaces for active living and community programming, and the capacity to host tournaments including accessible ice sports like sledge hockey.
- The expansion includes two NHL-sized ice surfaces (upgrading of the existing ice surface to NHL standards and one new ice surface), expanded fitness and active living areas, a running track, a fully accessible and equipped change room adjacent to the water park, a new outdoor spray park with dedicated washroom and change space, enhanced parking and traffic flow around the facility and a new right-in, right-out access to eastbound 67 Street.
- When the G.H. Dawe Community Centre re-opens in 2023, the Kinex Arena will be decommissioned, and the building will be demolished. The Kinex Arena has reached the end of its lifespan and would require significant investment to update the facility. A thorough assessment was conducted in 2018 to determine the future viability of the building as an ice arena, dry space/field house and garage/maintenance shop. Based on the cost estimates, a recommendation was made to maintain the Kinex as needed until the completion of the G.H. Dawe Community Centre project. Repurposing the facility was determined to not be a viable solution.



Budget details:

While there are no impacts to the Capital budget for 2023 and beyond, there are impacts to the Operating Budget to open and operate the expanded facility. The overall operating costs for the GH Dawe is \$674,762, and the reduction to the budget due to the decommissioning of the Kinex Arena is (\$115,669).

Opening of the facility is expected to be in the first quarter of 2023.