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ALDERGROVE RECREATION CENTRE: TOWNSHIP COUNCIL APPROVES CANOPY OVER OUTDOOR POOL

On February 29, Township of Langley Council unanimously voted to authorize expenditure of \$1,574,654 for the addition of a canopy over the pool area of the Aldergrove Recreation Centre (ARC).

The covering, which will feature a roof structure with lighting, supported by steel columns, will be included in the current construction project and funded through the Township's Land Capital Reserve.

The canopy will provide shelter over the six-lane, 25-metre outdoor pool, but will not include walls.

"The pool at the Aldergrove Recreation Centre will provide a unique, outdoor experience that can be enjoyed year round," said Township of Langley Mayor Jack Froese. "The year-round pool will be heated, including throughout the fall and winter, by using excess energy produced from cooling the ice in the adjacent arena. Visitors can do laps and take aquatic classes with the added benefit of fresh air and beautiful surroundings."

In December of 2015, Council decided to spend \$280,066 for structural enhancements to the base building and footings that will allow for future construction of a canopy. They requested further information before deciding whether to include the canopy itself in the current construction project, or add it on in the future.

On Monday, following a presentation from Township staff and the Project Team, Council opted to move forward with the canopy at this time.

Approved by Township of Langley Council in June of 2015, the Aldergrove Recreation Centre will be constructed at 27032 Fraser Highway, on the site of the former Aldergrove Elementary School.

Deconstruction of the school is complete, and site work, including geotechnical reports and other preparations, are ongoing. Residents will begin to notice significant construction activity beginning in August and September of this year. Following 18 to 20 months of construction and a commissioning period, the facility is scheduled to open in May of 2018.

Along with the outdoor pool, the ARC will feature a two-level arena, fitness centre, indoor walking surface, and multipurpose rooms. The outdoor water park will include waterslides, tidal pool, current channel, a children's' aqua structure, playground, and picnic area.

An environmentally conscious project, the complex will be home to the Aldergrove Kodiaks hockey team, Aldergrove Minor Hockey, the Aldergrove Figure Skating club, and an anticipated new Aldergrove Swim Club.

Froese noted that the Recreation Centre will draw people from throughout the region to downtown Aldergrove and be a great step towards revitalizing Aldergrove's Downtown Core.

For more information, visit tol.ca/ARC.