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CONSTRUCTION STARTS ON ALDERGROVE CREDIT UNION COMMUNITY CENTRE

Ground was officially broken on February 3, signalling the start of construction of the new Aldergrove Credit Union Community Centre.

The Centre, a unique recreation complex and outdoor aquatic facility that will be enjoyed by people throughout the region, will open in June of 2018.

The Aldergrove Credit Union Community Centre will feature a canopy-covered outdoor pool area with a shallow leisure end, six competitive swim lanes, and a deep end for diving. An environmentally conscious project, the pool will be open year-round and heated in the wintertime, using excess energy produced from cooling the ice at the adjacent arena. The Centre's arena will include a fitness centre, indoor walking surface, and multipurpose rooms.

The complex will also feature an outdoor water park with waterslides, tidal pool, current channel, a children's aqua structure, and playground.

Members of Township of Langley Council joined federal and provincial representatives at 27032 Fraser Highway on Friday for the ground breaking ceremony, and to announce an exciting financial contribution from the Federal Government's Provincial-Territorial Infrastructure Component – National and Regional Projects.

A federal grant of up to \$9.881 million will be put towards the project, which, along with the budget approved by Township Council, will allow the centre to be built as envisioned without any additional cost to taxpayers, or cutting back on features.

“Financing something of this magnitude is a big job with many variables, and the Township had budgeted for the majority of the project through past or future land sales,” said Township of Langley Mayor Jack Froese. “This much-appreciated federal funding will alleviate some of the pressure on the timing of those sales, and means there will be no tax increase required to fund construction of this project.”

“The grant will also help pay for some additional features, such as a sauna and steam room, which were going to be added in later, but can now be included at the outset,” Froese said. Other enhancements will include the addition of solar panels for heating the facility, rain water harvesting, additional change facilities, an expanded playground, and additional features that focus on youth recreation.

Last year, Council decided to add a canopy cover over the outdoor pool, and a deep end and diving board extension.

Since announcing the project, the Township worked to secure the federal grant with representatives from other levels of government.

“We would like to express our gratitude and appreciation to Cloverdale-Langley City MP John Aldag, who was instrumental in securing this funding,” Froese said. “He brought forward the possibility of this grant to Council and worked very hard to make it happen.”

“We would also like to thank Minister Rich Coleman, MLA for Fort Langley-Aldergrove, for his valuable support and recognition of the importance of this project to our community,” Froese added. “It was a lot of work, but for a very good cause, and it was wonderful to see all levels of government unite and work together for this excellent outcome.”

The Aldergrove Credit Union Community Centre was designed to meet the needs of people of all ages and interests and will complement, not duplicate, existing Township recreation and aquatic opportunities.

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 new Community Centre will draw people from throughout the region to downtown Aldergrove and be a great step towards revitalizing Aldergrove’s Downtown Core.

In August 2016, it was announced that the facility would be named the Aldergrove Credit Union Community Centre, after its naming sponsor.

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