

Government of Canada Supports GO Centre!

On September 11, 2009, the Honourable Rona Ambrose announced \$14.8 million in federal government support for the construction of the GO Community Centre. This funding originates from the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund of Canada's Economic Action Plan for shovel-ready construction projects.

"Construction of the GO Community Centre is exactly the type of project Edmonton needs to create jobs and stimulate the economy," said Minister Ambrose. "We are delivering on investments that will benefit our communities, our families and our youth. This is a great community-driven project that will make a real difference in the City of Edmonton. The GO Centre is about healthy living and strong communities."



From left – David Dorward, GO Centre Board Member and founder of the GO Community Centre, and Ken Flesher, GO Centre President, accept the \$14.8 million cheque from the Honourable Rona Ambrose.

This announcement of federal government participation follows commitments made by other orders of government. The City of Edmonton pledged \$9.0 million to the GO Centre in November 2006 and in October of 2008, the Province donated \$10.0 million. This significant financial support from all three orders of government recognizes the GO Centre as an essential

part of our community health and infrastructure. This important community project is now a GO!

Get Up and GO!

Campaign Update

With the official and public commitment of federal funding, the GO Centre has secured financial support from all three orders of government. The next and final phase of fundraising to solicit \$9.0 million in private sector support is well underway.

This past summer, much work was done in preparation for this campaign. A full Case for Support was written and appropriate policies and documents were created. Comprehensive and detailed sponsorship opportunities are in the process of being created.

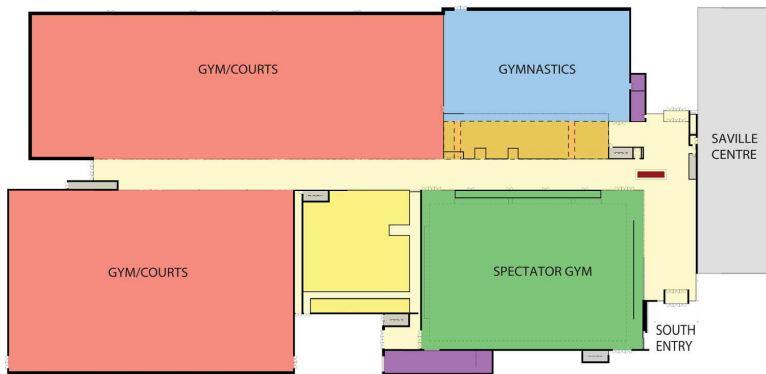
We have been very appreciative of the opportunities to speak to key stakeholders over the last few months. The Edmonton Volleyball Centre Society held their Annual General Meeting in July, and GO Centre staff presented an overview of progress to date. Similar presentations were made at the Annual Meetings of the Edmonton Basketball Association and Ortona Gymnastics in September. Board, staff and members of these groups appreciated the update and look forward to continued progress reports and more involvement in the future.

Schematic Plans Approved

In September, the Board of Directors of the GO Community Centre approved the Schematic (floor) Plans for the Centre. As a result of this decision, discussions will now surround determining our construction process and creating the specifications to provide to companies and teams interested in bidding on the project.



Stakeholders for the GO Centre and partner groups will continue with the existing consultation process, refining and specifying various aspects of the design as things move forward. It is intended that this process will soon be complete and that “the shovel” will be in the ground by early spring. To meet the requirements of the funding from the federal government, the GO Community Centre must be ‘substantially complete’ by March 2011.



Schematic design as approved September 2009.

Donate to the GO Centre through the United Way

Thanks to the work of Kevin Sundquist, who is currently President of Ortona Gymnastics, donations can be directed to the GO Community Centre through the United Way. For people who have workplace campaigns for the United Way, or just prefer to make charitable donations via this route, this is a great way to support your GO Community Centre.

You are always welcome to donate directly to the GO Centre. Please call the office to discuss opportunities to make financial contributions.

Newsletter Details

The GO Community Centre Newsletter will be produced 4 times per year. If you are interested in receiving a hard copy of this publication, or if you know of someone who would like a copy, please give our office a call.

Volunteer With Us!

We are currently looking for volunteers for the GO Community Centre Board and for the Campaign. We would love to hear from anyone who is interested, or could recommend potential volunteers in these areas.

Please contact Heather or Patti in the office to further discuss current volunteer opportunities.

In our Next Issue . . .

Watch for a profile of one of our dedicated volunteers as well as the new “Message from the Executive Director” feature.

Did you Know????

That 80% of children and youth are not getting the recommended 90 minutes of physical activity each day?

The GO Centre will contribute to getting children and youth active by increasing access to programs. This is especially important to at-risk youth who have few programs and facilities to meet their needs.



For further information about the GO Community Centre and the Get Up and GO! Campaign, please contact us.

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