



City of Burnaby  
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# Public Consultation Summary Report

## Confederation Park Community Centre

A UNIFYING GATEWAY - A PLACE TO BE

# Project Overview



## About the Project

The City of Burnaby is planning to build a new Community Centre in Confederation Park to meet the community's growing recreation needs identified in the Northwest Quadrant Recreation Needs Assessment published in 2019. The proposed complex will be located at the corner of Willingdon avenue and Albert street.

Along with the existing Eileen Dailly Leisure Pool and Fitness Centre and the McGill Burnaby Public Library, the new Confederation Park Community Centre will play an important role in creating healthy and vibrant communities by bringing a wide variety of social and recreational activities that people of all ages, mobility, and cultural spectrum can enjoy.

## Project Timeline

The planning for the new Confederation Park Community Centre began with a Northwest Needs Assessment study published in 2019. The outcome of the study sets the framework for the schematic design which was reviewed by City Council in August 2021. Subsequent to design amendment from Council's comments, the schematic design was shared with the public for their feedback throughout July 2022.

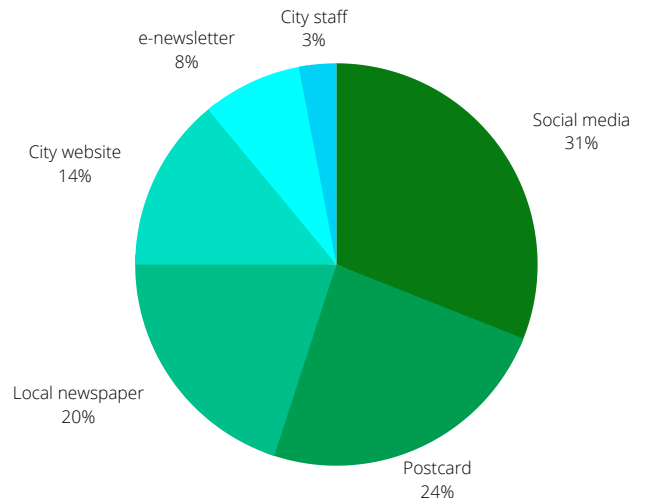


# Engagement Process Overview

## Engagement

The public engagement period was advertised through various methods. Participants responded that they learned about the public engagement opportunities through social media (31%), the local newspaper (20%), a postcard they received in the mail (24%) and the city website (14%).

How did you learn about this feedback opportunity?



## Engagement Timeline

- Online public survey became available on the project webpage (June 27th – July 12th 2022) (See attachment 1)
- Online Zoom open house on July 5th 2022
- Two in-person drop-in open houses on July 8th & 9th 2022 at McGill Library

Additionally, focus group consultations were held with the following groups in order to further guide the design and programming of the proposed community centre:

- Summit Youth Centre members on June 9th 2022
- Confederation Seniors' Association Board of Directors on June 8th 2022
- Confederation Senior Centre members on June 21th 2022

## Over 550 people engaged

Throughout our process, we engaged over 550 people who shared their insight and feedback regarding the design, layout, and functionality of the new Confederation Park Community Centre. A total of 352 survey was completed, 16 people attended the virtual open house. A total of 157 people attended the two day in-person open house held at McGill Public Library, 7 youth attended youth focus group, and 27 seniors from the seniors focus group.

# Summary

## Consultation Findings

The goal of this summary report is to share the key findings from the previously mentioned engagement efforts.

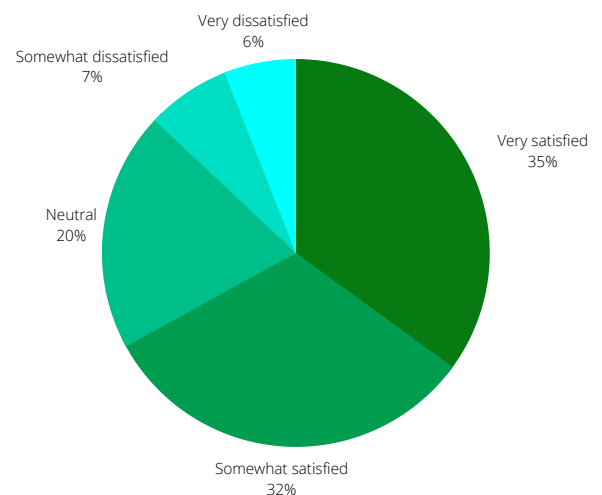
To improve reader comprehension, the findings from the series of public engagement efforts are integrated and thematically grouped, and are presented in the same general order that different topics were studied in the survey.

### Senior Space



- Many have expressed a strong support for the reintroduction of the senior lunch program.
- A couple of comments inquired about types of board games and entertainment system such as AR and VR.
- A couple of comments addressed a need for technology devices for digital literacy courses.
- Several comments were made recommending the new senior space to allow more natural light.
- A few comments highlighted the importance of separation and integration of senior space with other demographic groups in the future community centre.

**How Satisfied are you with our future plans for senior space?**



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## Consultation Findings

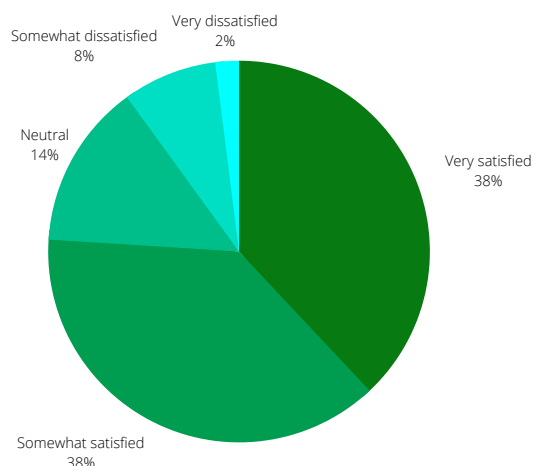
### Indoor Active Space

#### Fitness Centre & Gym

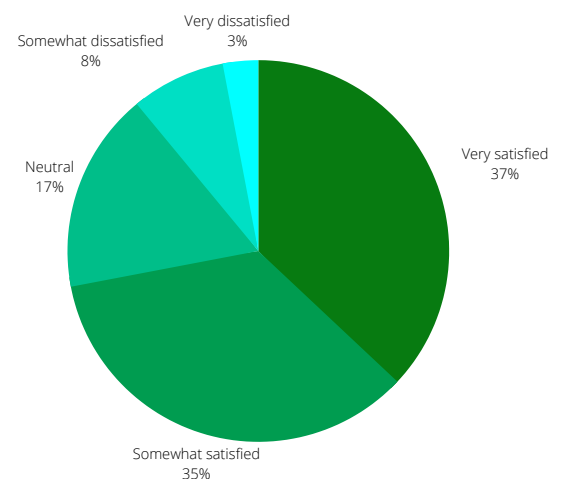
Generally, respondents wondered about programming of gym and multi-purpose room space. There were a number of comments inquiring about the coordination between the space and the range of sports or activities that will be accommodated in these spaces.

- A couple of comments wondered about a range of gym equipment that will be provided, and the layout of the fitness centre.
- Additional basketball hoops were suggested to be added in the gym.
- A few comments suggested that gym and multi-purpose rooms should be able to be programmed for a variety of sports and activities, with some requiring special equipment.
- Many suggested programming for the following sports and group exercises to be accommodated:
  - Various racket sports (Badminton, Pickleball, Ping Pong etc.)
  - Yoga
  - Tai Chi
  - Spinning

How Satisfied are you with our future plans for the Fitness Centre?



How Satisfied are you with our future plans for the gym?



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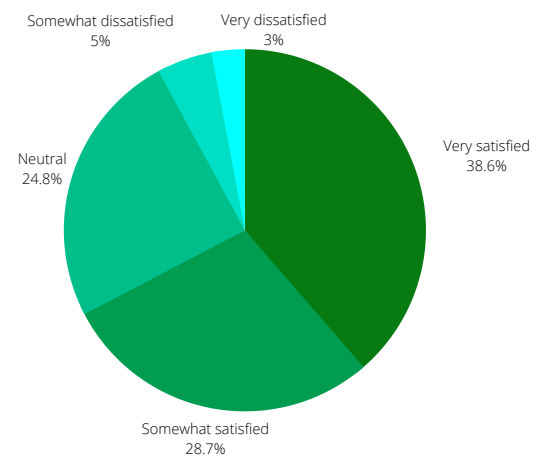
## Consultation Findings

### Leisure Spaces

#### Community Kitchen

- In general, participants saw community kitchens as an excellent way to bring people together.
- There was a high level of enthusiasm expressed towards community kitchen in the feedback received. Many of the participants were eager to learn more about intended purposes, the capacity, and kitchen appliances that will become available.
- Some participants wish to see soup kitchen program be implemented.
- Several comments emphasized the significance of inclusive kitchen design, which allows people with varying levels of cooking experience to prepare various ethnocultural cuisine

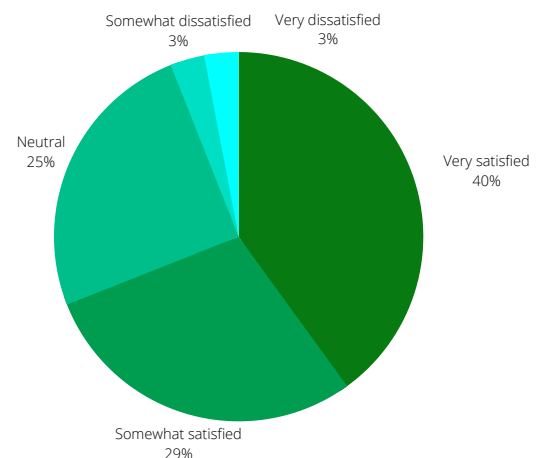
**How Satisfied are you with our future plans for the new community kitchen?**



#### Youth centre

- Many of the participants were eager to learn more about the youth centre.
- Participants from the youth focus group appreciated the connection between the new youth centre and the gym. Some of the space and equipment that youths recommend to be included in the youth centre include:
  - Storage space
  - Computer room
  - Media room
  - Gaming consoles

**How Satisfied are you with our future plans for the new youth oriented spaces?**



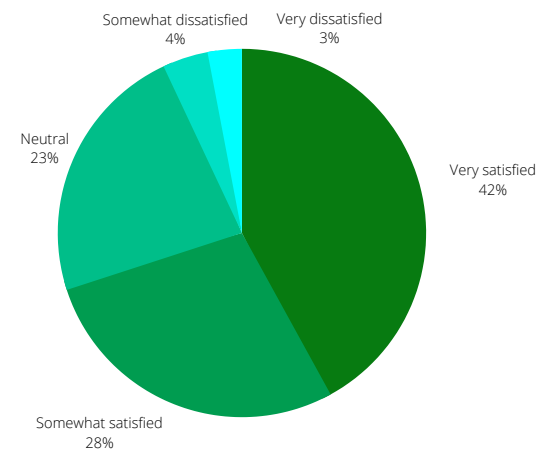
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### Outdoor Areas

- Many engagement participants expressed a desire for more shade and cover to allow for all-year use of outdoor space in both hot and rainy seasons.
- Several of the participants voiced their appreciation for the extensive public gathering space located all throughout the complex; however, they also highlighted the significance of having green space.
- A few participants expressed interest in the potential of creating green roofs and rooftop community gardens.
- Several comments suggested an open air performing stage.

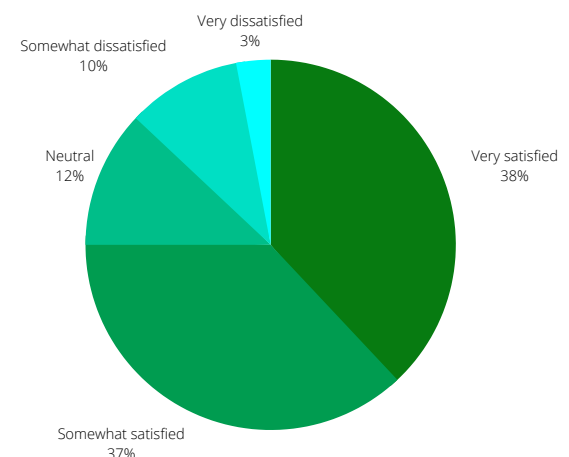
How Satisfied are you with our future plans for outdoor areas?



### Outdoor covered sport box

- A few participants wondered if the outdoor covered sport box would be equipped with heating and cooling systems.
- Several comments recommending the sport box to be used for movie nights.
- A couple of inquiries were received regarding the durability and impact resistance of the façade system.
- Some of the sports that participants wish to play include:
  - Tennis
  - Pickleball
  - Ball hockey and inline hockey
  - Basketball

How Satisfied are you with our future plans for the outdoor covered sports box?



# Summary

## Consultation Findings

### General comments

Lastly the survey concluded with a general comment section providing the participants an opportunity to provide any comments and feedback on any aspect of this project. Overall, participants expressed satisfaction and excitement about the proposed complex. The general feedback we received were organized into four major themes, which are as follows:

### Indigenous Culture

- Participants wanted to see the new community centre to reflect local Indigenous community throughout the buildings and spaces around the complex.
- A few comments expressed strong interest in wanting to see a space dedicated to Indigenous community for the cultural social activities and the complex to feature native arts and work of native artists .

### Sustainability

- Some participants emphasized the importance of expanding the multi-use path, which will encourage the use of sustainable transportation modes such as cycling and walking to get to the complex.
- There was a few questions about EV and bike related facilities. A few inquiries were made about the availability of electric vehicle charging stations, bikes and e-bike storage on site.
- Additionally, general feedback indicated a high level of interest for building sustainability, calling for integration of energy efficient building systems, rainwater management coupled with other sustainability strategies.

### Traffic

- Several comments requested that adequate on-site parking be provided. Furthermore, a few survey and engagement participants advocated for the implementation of traffic calming strategies around Albert Street and Willingdon Avenue to mitigate the potential impact of increased traffic as a result of the new community centre on the neighbourhood.

### Accessibility

- A number of participants mentioned that it is essential to ensure that the principle of accessible design is at the core of the design of the complex in order to provide a positive and inclusive experience for all individuals.



# Attachment 1 - Confederation Park Community Centre Online Survey

## Welcome!

The City of Burnaby is developing a new community centre and covered sports box in Confederation Park. These new facilities will supplement the existing facilities and will be designed to better meet the recreation needs of northwest Burnaby's growing and changing population. We've developed plans for the new centre and are seeking your valuable feedback.

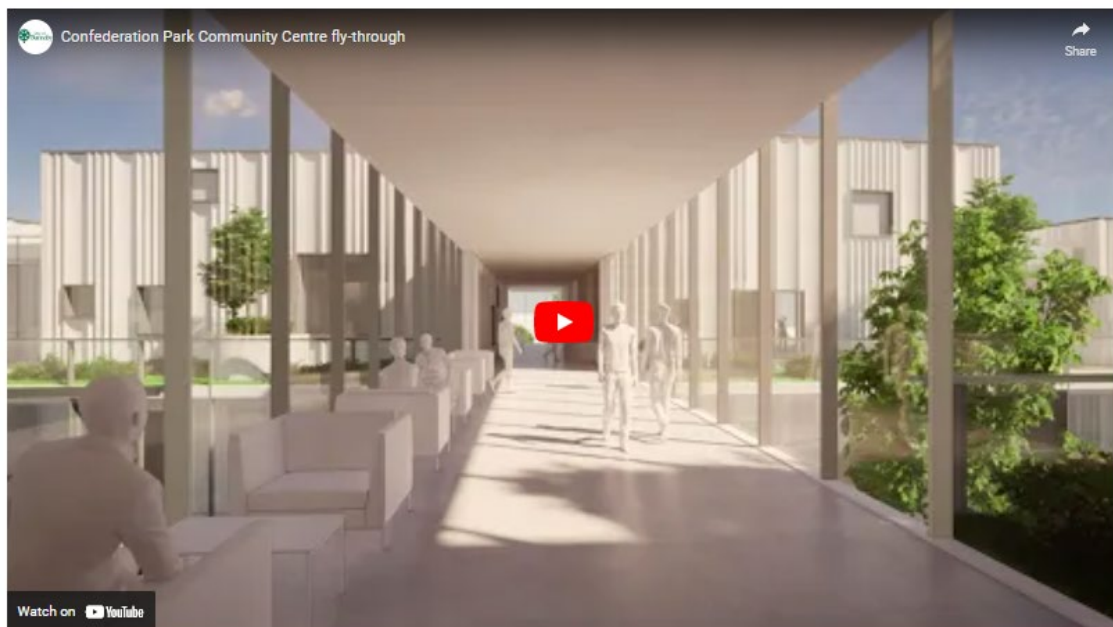
The deadline for completing this survey is **Tuesday, July 12, 2022**.

If you haven't done so already, watch the video below for an overview of this exciting project!

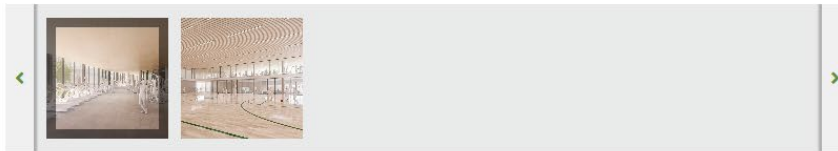
If you have any questions about the project or survey, please contact [civicprojects@burnaby.ca](mailto:civicprojects@burnaby.ca).

### Your Privacy

This survey is administered by the City of Burnaby. Personal information collected and used for the purpose of undertaking the feedback for Confederation Park Community Centre will be managed in accordance with s. 26(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. All personal information collected through this survey will remain confidential and will be de-identified when shared. For questions regarding the collection of Personal Information and receipt of electronic messages please contact: Corporate Communications & Marketing at [communications@burnaby.ca](mailto:communications@burnaby.ca).



## Fitness centre and gymnasium



Based on current and future demand analysis, and the results of community input, the following spaces are being proposed:

New fitness centre and gymnasium that focuses on recreational fitness appropriate to support the anticipated growth of the community.

- Single court gymnasium with locker and change rooms
- Weight and cardio equipment areas with a wide range of training machines, free weights, exercise equipment and stretching areas
- Private consultation room
- Small group training room
- Interior connection with easy access to Eileen Dailly pool

### 1. How satisfied are you with our future plans for a new fitness centre?

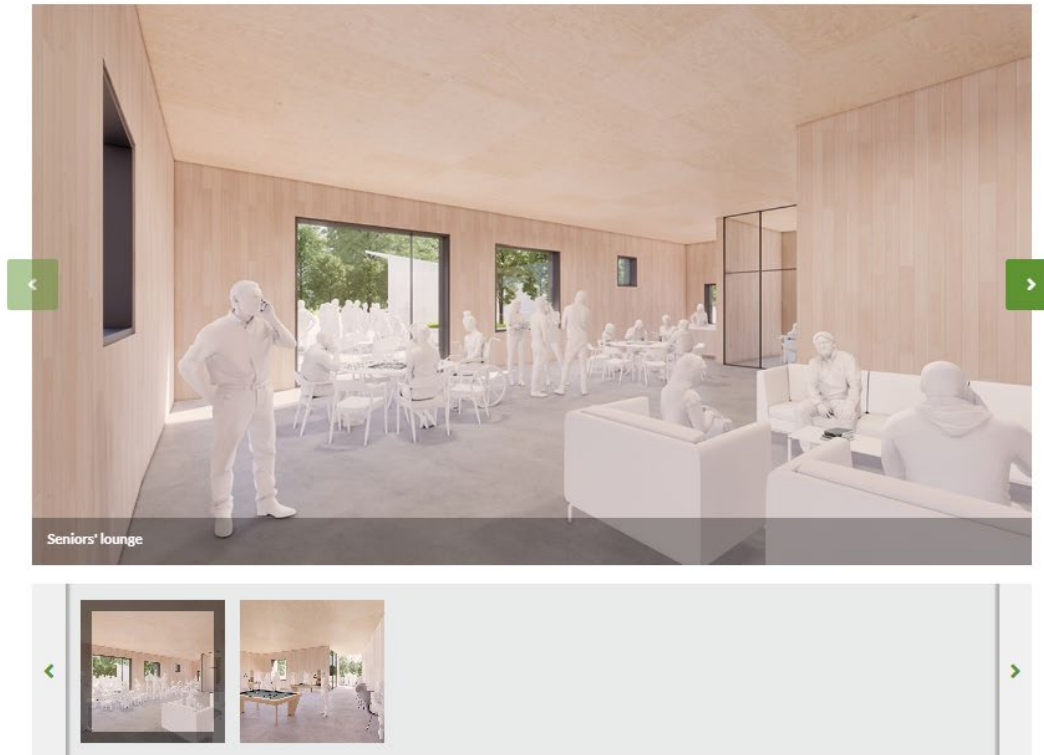
- ☐ Very satisfied  
☐ Somewhat satisfied  
☐ Neutral  
☐ Somewhat dissatisfied  
☐ Very dissatisfied

### 2. How satisfied are you with our future plans for a new gymnasium?

- ☐ Very satisfied  
☐ Somewhat satisfied  
☐ Neutral  
☐ Somewhat dissatisfied  
☐ Very Dissatisfied

### 3. Please provide any other comments you may have on the proposed new fitness centre and gymnasium.

## Seniors' Areas



Based on current and future demand analysis, and the results of community input, the following spaces are being proposed:

Dedicated space for seniors providing a home base that considers their unique needs.

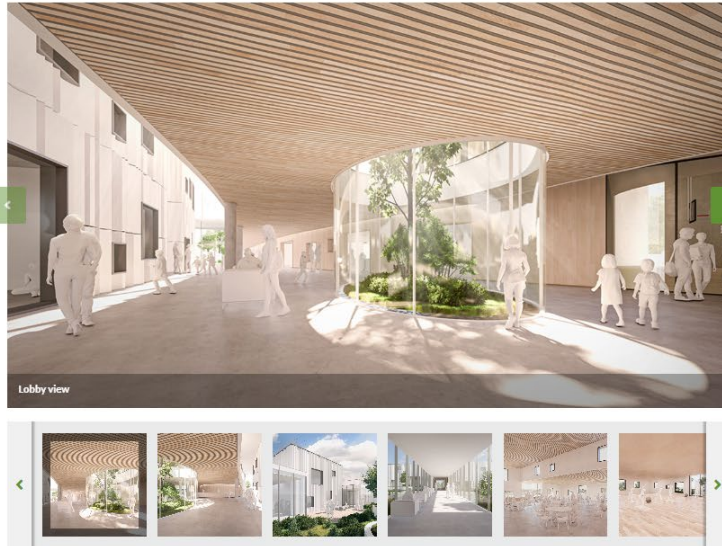
- Seniors lounge
- Seniors games room
- Seniors coffee bar, living room and seating area
- Various sized multi-purpose space for a wide range of activities

### 4. How satisfied are you with our future plans for seniors' space?

- ☐ Very satisfied
- ☐ Somewhat satisfied
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Somewhat dissatisfied
- ☐ Very dissatisfied

### 7. Please provide any other comments you may have on the proposed seniors' space.

## Community leisure spaces



Based on current and future demand analysis, and the results of community input, the following spaces are being proposed:

New community leisure space that emphasize multipurpose and multifunctional uses to accommodate a variety of active and community-based gathering programs in a multi-generational and inclusive way.

- Lobby with indoor seating
- Various sized multi-purpose space for a wide range of activities
- Youth lounge and multimedia room
- Indoor play area for children
- Child minding
- Café with outdoor patio seating
- Community kitchen

### 6. How satisfied are you with our future plans for the new multipurpose rooms?

- ☐ Very satisfied  
☐ Somewhat satisfied  
☐ Neutral  
☐ Somewhat dissatisfied  
☐ Very dissatisfied

### 7. How satisfied are you with our future plans for the new community kitchen?

- ☐ Very satisfied  
☐ Somewhat satisfied  
☐ Neutral  
☐ Somewhat dissatisfied  
☐ Very dissatisfied

### 8. How satisfied are you with our future plans for the new youth-oriented spaces?

- ☐ Very satisfied  
☐ Somewhat satisfied  
☐ Neutral  
☐ Somewhat dissatisfied  
☐ Very dissatisfied

### 9. Please provide any other comments you may have on the proposed community leisure spaces.



## Outdoor spaces

Based on current and future demand analysis, and the results of community input, the following spaces are being proposed:

Outdoor public space connects the existing facilities (Eileen Dailly Leisure Pool and McGill Library) and the new Confederation Park Community Centre with the neighbourhood and park.

- Arch-shaped exterior promenade
- Gateway Plaza
- Larger open plaza with event space
- Public art pieces in the plazas

An outdoor covered sports box is also planned to replace the sports box currently on the site. The new sports box will provide space for outdoor activities, offering space for lacrosse, ball hockey, basketball and social functions that need outdoor space. The features include:

- Gymnasium and locker roomscovered roof for rain protection
- Fitness centre with weights and cardio equipmentlit space
- Dedicated seniors' facility with snooker roommultiuse floor surface
- Childminding, indoor play area, youth loungestorage, washrooms, spectator seating

### 10. How satisfied are you with our future plans for outdoor areas?

- ☐ Very satisfied
- ☐ Somewhat satisfied
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Somewhat dissatisfied
- ☐ Very dissatisfied

### 11. How satisfied are you with our future plans for the outdoor covered sports box?

- ☐ Very satisfied
- ☐ Somewhat satisfied
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Somewhat dissatisfied
- ☐ Very dissatisfied

### 12. Please provide any other comments you may have on the proposed outdoor areas.

## About you

### 13. Please indicate your age group:

- ☐ Under 18 years
- ☐ 18 to 24 years
- ☐ 25 to 34 years
- ☐ 35 to 44 years
- ☐ 45 to 54 years
- ☐ 55 to 64 years
- ☐ 65 years and older
- ☐ Prefer not to say

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### What are the first three digits of your postal code?

- ☐ V5A
- ☐ V5B
- ☐ V5C
- ☐ V5E
- ☐ V5G
- ☐ V5H
- ☐ V5J
- ☐ V3N
- ☐ Other (please specify)

### 15. How did you learn about this feedback opportunity?

- ☐ City of Burnaby website
- ☐ Social media
- ☐ City staff
- ☐ Local newspaper
- ☐ City eNewsletter
- ☐ Post card in the mail
- ☐ Other (please specify)

## Final Comments

16. Do you have any other comments, questions or input on the future of the Confederation Park Community Centre and/or the covered sports box?

