

VHCC Steering Committee Update (2022-05-05)

Re: Victoria Highland Civic Centre (VHCC) Redevelopment Project

The VHCC Steering Committee has been actively developing a sustainable and manageable plan for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a new Victoria Highland Civic Centre.

This community led facility will provide excellence in year-round recreational and cultural experiences for residents and visitors of Victoria County.

To inform the redevelopment plan the VHCC Steering Committee has:

- Reviewed feedback from community engagement sessions
- Completed site visits at numerous civic and development projects throughout the region
- Explored and evaluated alternative locations for the VHCC
- Conducted a financial review of current assets and gathered preliminary construction costs
- Met with various community groups to identify potential products and services that can be incorporated into the new VHCC (*ongoing*)
- Met with various levels of government to secure financial support (*ongoing*)
- Formed a fundraising sub-committee

The VHCC Steering Committee has determined the most reasonable, affordable, and sustainable approach to replacing the current VHCC is to construct a new 45K sq. ft. facility on the existing lot at 26 Campbell St., Baddeck.

The expanded footprint on the existing lot will include:

- An ice surface, dressing rooms, spectator seating and warm room
- Canteen services
- Community walking track and fitness area
- 12K-14K sq. ft of rentable space

Currently several prospective tenants have been identified for the new facility, partnerships are being evaluated and concept plans are being developed. The Steering Committee is planning to finalize concept plans and begin fundraising efforts by June 2022.

A project of this size is only accomplished through partnerships with residents, community groups, government, and non-government organizations. The Steering Committee welcomes and encourages input from the community; you can email any suggestions to vhccredevelopment@gmail.com. Together we will build a modern, accessible facility that will inspire the next generation of youth, encourage participation, and promote intergenerational activity for decades!

Signed, 
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