

# INFORMATION NOTE

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**Title:** New Design - H.G.R Mews Community Centre

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**Report To:** His Worship the Mayor and Members of Council

**Councillor and Role:** Councillor Deanne Stapleton

**Ward:** Ward 2

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## **Issue: New Design- H.G.R Mews Community Centre- Design and Engagement sessions**

### **Discussion – Background and Current Status:**

The City has been planning for the replacement of the H. G. R. Mews Community Centre for the past two years. To date, site reviews have been completed and public engagement has taken place on both the location of the new facility and the needs of the community in relation to amenities and programming. On Monday, Aug 19, 2019, City council voted to locate the new facility in Mundy Pond Park adjacent to other recreation facilities in the area which will also include the new Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities Accessible playground.

Since fall 2019, staff have been working to advance the design of the new building, incorporating what was heard through the engagement processes in [2018](#) and [2019](#) and now have something to share with the community. Check out the visuals in the document library including an aerial view showing the placement of both the building and the playground in Mundy Pond Park, the floor plans, and the amenities overview document. Use the quick poll tools below to tell us what you think of the design and use the questions and comments tool to leave your thoughts.

Members of the Seniors Advisory Committee had provided significant input to the design of the other city facilities recently built and would like the opportunity to provide feedback to ensure the older adult population is represented. The advisory committee can also avail and promote the following opportunities to engage.

The City of St. John's invites the public to visit [engagestjohns.ca](http://engagestjohns.ca) to review the new concept design of the H.G.R Mews Community Centre replacement facility, to be constructed at Mundy Pond Park.

Public and stakeholder input from the first two rounds of public engagement for this project have influenced the overall design. Visit [engagestjohns.ca](http://engagestjohns.ca) to see a rendering of the front view

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of the facility, a bird's eye view of the building and park amenities, as well as floor plans and layouts for the interior of the facility.

Virtual public meetings to review the concept design and floor plans will take place using Microsoft Teams, please [register here to participate](#):

- Tuesday, September 22 at 10 a.m.
- Thursday, September 24 at 6:30 p.m.

The city is also meeting with key stakeholders and users of the current facility such as sporting and aquatics organizations, the Boys and Girls Club, and the Inclusion Advisory Committee.

Next steps for the project include translating the concept design into detailed design and preparation of a tender package. Award of the tender is anticipated for early 2021 with work on site expected to start in Spring 2021. The new facility will open approximately two years from the start of construction.

Residents unable to participate online can contact Access St. John's at 311 or 754-CITY and ask to speak with someone from the project team, or email [engage@stjohns.ca](mailto:engage@stjohns.ca).

### **Key Considerations/Implications:**

1. Budget/Financial Implications:
  - N/A
2. Partners or Other Stakeholders:
  - N/A
3. Alignment with Strategic Directions/Adopted Plans:
  - A Connected City-A city where people feel connected, have a sense of belonging, and are actively engaged in community life
  - An Effective City-A City that performs effectively and delivers results
4. Legal or Policy Implications:
  - N/A
5. Privacy Implications:
  - N/A

6. Engagement and Communications Considerations:

- SAC members are requesting an opportunity to have Engage St. John's meet with the committee at a separate time then those listed for public.

7. Human Resource Implications:

- N/A

8. Procurement Implications:

- N/A

9. Information Technology Implications:

- N/A

10. Other Implications:

- N/A

**Conclusion/Next Steps:**

Discuss how the Seniors Advisory Committee would like to provide input and feedback on the New Mews Centre.

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