



# Media Release

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## Active Living Centre Feasibility Study: Public survey now online

Greater Vernon Recreation Services is taking the next step in its Active Living Centre Feasibility Study. Public engagement began in September and now there is a survey available online for members of the public to share their thoughts on the proposed Active Living Centre project.

Through the engagement process of the 2018 Recreation Master Plan, the Greater Vernon community identified a need for new indoor recreation opportunities. This Feasibility Study has been commissioned to better understand the costs and benefits associated with public investment in new indoor recreation facilities.

The feedback received from the public during the Master Plan indicated that the community was interested in a new aquatic facility, gymnasiums, a fitness centre, an indoor walking/running track and dedicated program multipurpose spaces.

“We need to more clearly define what size and features those facilities will have”, said Doug Ross Director, Recreation Services. “Now the public can go online and fill out a short survey and provide their input on what types of facilities and what amenities they would like to see included in a new Active Living Centre.

“The survey asks questions like *do you want a 50 meter pool or a leisure pool, what kinds of amenities and features would you like to see, what are the most important considerations for the location,*” said Ross.

The survey is available at [www.engagevernon.ca/active-living-centre](http://www.engagevernon.ca/active-living-centre).

### Public engagement sessions:

Recreation ambassadors are also hosting interactive pop up opportunities to share information about the Feasibility Study and for the public to provide input.

### Pop Up Sessions:

November 2, 8:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m. at the Village Green Mall

November 6, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Coldstream Municipal Hall

November 8, 5:00-9:00 p.m. at the Snow Show (Kal Tire Place)

November 14, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at BX Elementary School

November 15, 1:00-5:00 p.m. at the Craft Show (Kal Tire Place)

November 19, 11:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m. at Okanagan College – Cafeteria

November 22, 5:45-9:00 p.m. at the Vernon Vipers game (Kal Tire Place)

**Open House:**

The public are invited to come out and see the draft facility design options based on public input received to date. Recreation ambassadors and the consultants from FaulknerBrowns will be on hand to share information and will be gathering feedback from the public on the proposed designs.

November 24, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the Vernon Recreation Centre – Auditorium

Greater Vernon Recreation Services is operated by the City of Vernon with financial support from Community Partners the District of Coldstream and Electoral Areas B & C of the Regional District of North Okanagan

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