



## Media Release

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### **Final week to complete online survey for phase one of Active Living Centre Feasibility Study**

Only a few days remain to provide feedback online for the first phase of public engagement for the proposed Active Living Centre. Greater Vernon Recreation Services (GVRS) is hoping to collect more public input for its Feasibility Study prior to an open house later this month.

An online survey will be open until **Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**, which allows participants to provide feedback on potential recreation spaces, amenities, features and locations.

Through the engagement process of the 2018 Recreation Master Plan, the Greater Vernon community identified a need for new indoor recreation opportunities, including a new aquatic facility, gymnasiums, a fitness centre, an indoor walking/running track and dedicated program multipurpose spaces. This current Feasibility Study has been commissioned to better understand the costs and benefits associated with public investment in new indoor recreation facilities.

“Our Feasibility Study team has been working hard to connect with people across the Greater Vernon region in person and online to gather as much feedback as possible,” said Shayne Wright, manager of Recreation Programs. “Once we have the results of the survey, we will compile the data and share the information at an open house on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. This will be part of the next phase of public engagement.”

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

### **Public engagement sessions:**

In addition to the survey, recreation ambassadors are still hosting interactive pop up opportunities to share information about the Feasibility Study and for the public to provide input.

### **Pop Up Sessions:**

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**

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