

North Whitby Sports Complex - Update

Meeting Date: 05-Mar-2020

Town of Whitby
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Stakeholders

Why are we here today?

North Whitby Sports Complex

- ✓ Proposed new facility is to consists of:
 - 2 ice surfaces similar to Pad 1 or 2 at McKinney Centre,
 - an aquatic facility including a leisure pool,
 - A therapeutic pool, and
 - an 8 lane, 25 metre pool.

- In addition, there will be a walking track around one the ice pads, multipurpose programming space and associated administration spaces

How we got here

Culture, Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan

- ✓ The need for a new sports facility was first formally identified in 2006 through the Culture, Parks, Recreation and Open Space Strategic Master Plan (CPROS)
 - Recommended a Sports Facility Strategy because of future growth



How we got here

Sports Facility Strategy

- ✓ Developed a Sports Facility Strategy in 2015 with Monteith Brown
- ✓ The Strategy involved research and a significant amount of community consultation including:
 - Public Information Centres, Web Survey, User, Group Survey, Stakeholder Focus Groups and Key Informant Interviews.
 - The draft findings were presented to User Groups, School Boards and Key Partners.



How we got here

Sports Facility Strategy Recommendation

- ✓ **“Construct a multi-use community centre at the Brooklin Memorial Park site or other suitable alternative location commencing around the year 2020. The facility should contain a twin pad arena, indoor aquatics centre, active living studio, indoor track and any other program or community space deemed to be required through other municipal planning process.”**

Is this still the case?

Does Whitby need more ice pads?

- ✓ In 2017, largest consumer of prime- time ice is youth under the age of 19
- ✓ Staff review of minor sport ice utilization and participation levels to identify any changes in usage since the SFS.
 - Using Census Data staff determined the current percentage of Whitby residents under 19 years of age participating in ice sports,
 - Then determined how many hours of prime time ice would be required to service the projected population growth.

Review determined that the recommendation in the SFS was still valid.



Is this still the case?

Do we still need an aquatics centre?



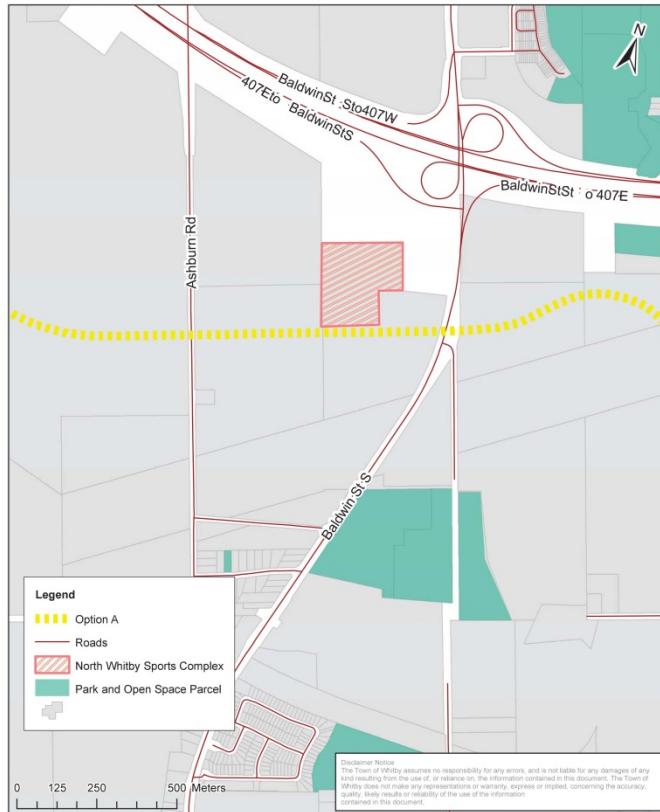
- ✓ Whitby has one aquatic centre per 65,700 the Town's service level for the provision
 - 1:65,700 is at the lower end of the benchmarked spectrum compared to other Greater Toronto Area municipalities.
 - Continues to be large waitlists and demand for increased aquatics programming.
 - Staff has increased the number of program hours from 77,150 hours in 2012 to 88,495 hours in 2019
 - 371 people on a wait list for aquatic programs in 2019.
 - Limited opportunities to further expand in the existing facilities.

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An indoor sports complex is needed

Where?

Whitby North Sports Complex Location Map

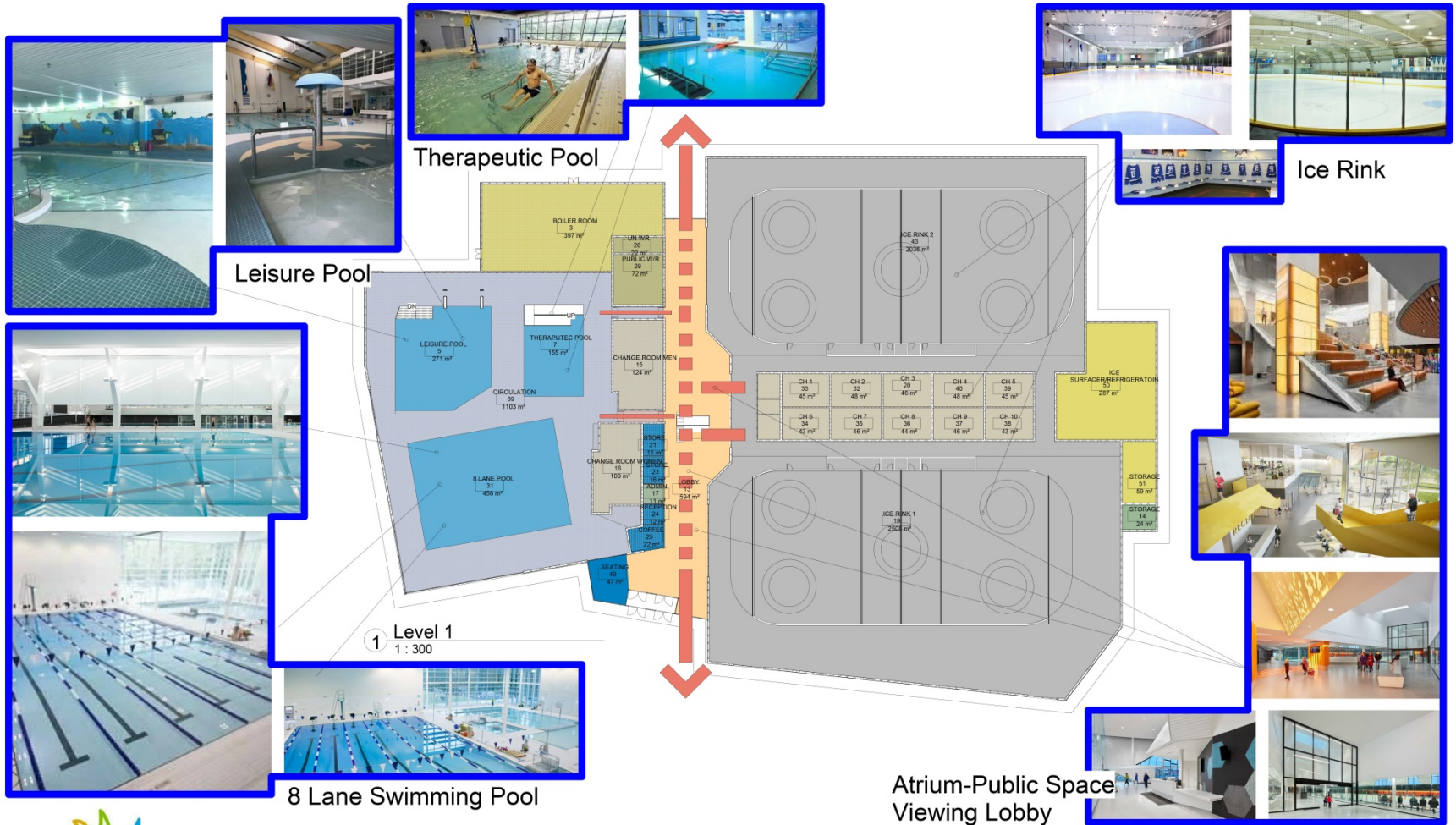


- ✓ The SFS recommended Brooklin Memorial Park or another suitable location. Brooklin memorial Park was no longer ideal because:
 - Consumption of parkland
 - Congestion of downtown
 - Another site became available, also close to the spine corridor
- ✓ The planning to date for the North Whitby Sports Complex has been based on the findings and recommendations of the SFS, as well as the site size and location.

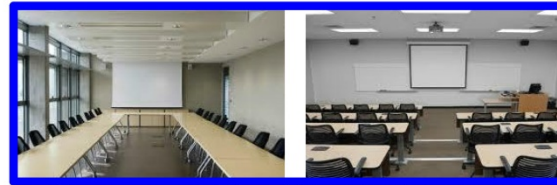
Whitby North Sports Complex Aerial View



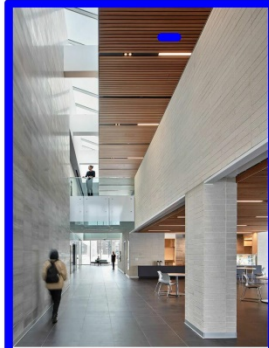
North Whitby Sports Complex 1st Floor Concept



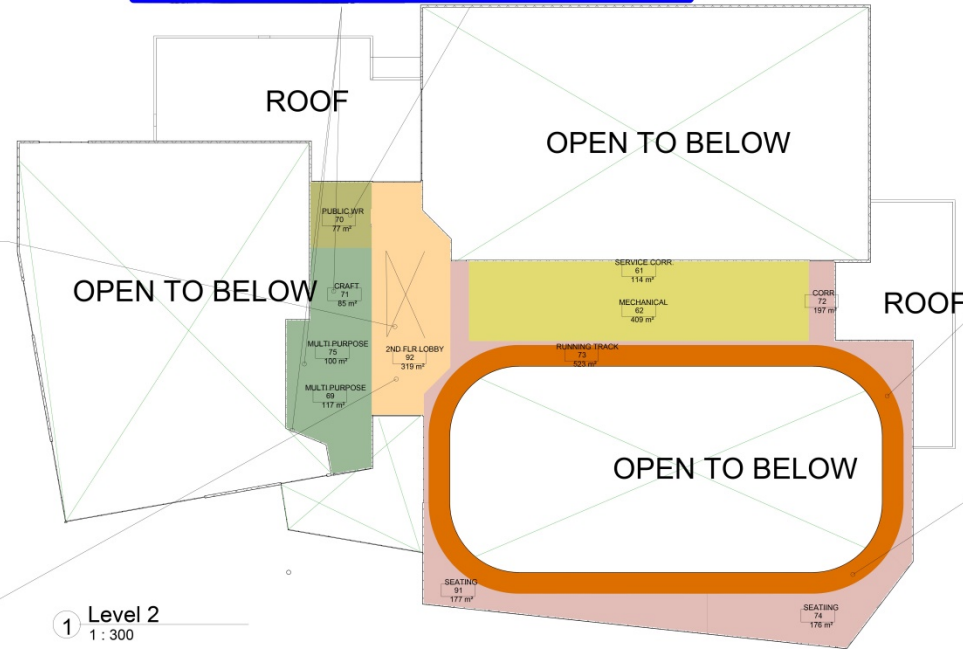
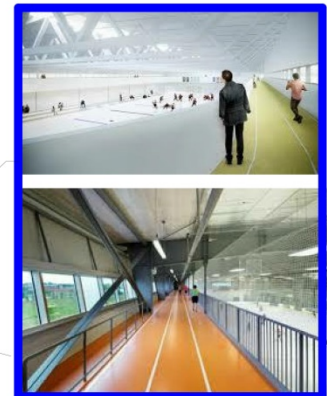
North Whitby Sports Complex 2nd Floor Concept



Multi Purpose Room

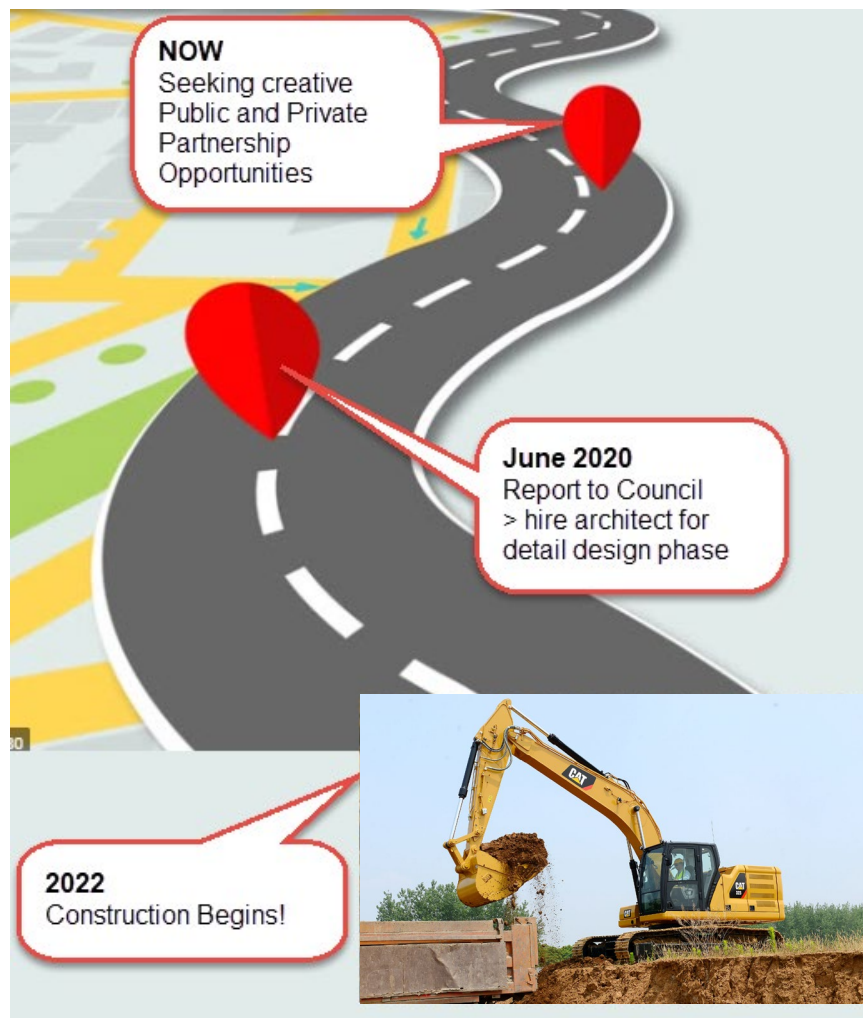


2nd FLR Lobby Viewing Building Entrance



Running Track located above the Ice Rink

Next Steps



✓ Milestones

- **2020** – Stakeholder and community engagement and Architect firm on board
- **2021** – Design process and Council approval of tender/design
- **2022** – Construction
- **2024** – Occupancy

Questions?

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