



# **Garnet A. Williams Community Centre Major Renovation Project**

Public Information Session | Sept. 10, 2020



# Agenda

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Opening remarks from Ward 5 Councillor Alan Shefman

- Introduction
  - Work to Date
  - Context and Program
  - Design Goals
  - New Design
  - Next Steps
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- Mentimeter questions throughout!

# Introduction

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Garnet A. Williams Community Centre  
Major Renovation Project:

reFRESH. reNEW. reACTIVATE.

# Introduction

Guiding principles for designing recreation facilities\*



**ACCESSIBLE**



**ANIMATED**



**COLLABORATIVE**

Active Together Master Plan, 2018\*

# Introduction

Guiding principles for designing recreation facilities\*



**INTEGRATED**



**FLEXIBLE**



**SUPPORTED & RENEWED**

Active Together Master Plan, 2018\*

# Work to date

## Online Survey and Public Engagement

The project began in 2016 with an online survey and public engagement session held on Dec. 27, 2016

Garnet A. Williams Community Centre  
Revitalization Project

reFRESH. reNEW. reACTIVATE.

Customer survey  
results



# Work to date

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## Online Survey and Public Engagement

The consultation process identified the following key project objectives:

- front entrance & lobby renewal
- interior ramp & general accessibility improvements
- creation of new family change rooms
- new arena entrance at ground level
- pool deck replacement
- renovation of pool change rooms
- fitness change room refresh
- improve flexibility of program rooms
- improve administrative and operational areas
- renewal of the outdoor pool deck
- exterior signage and interior wayfinding
- lighting improvements
- HVAC system improvements

# Work to date

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## Studies and Reports

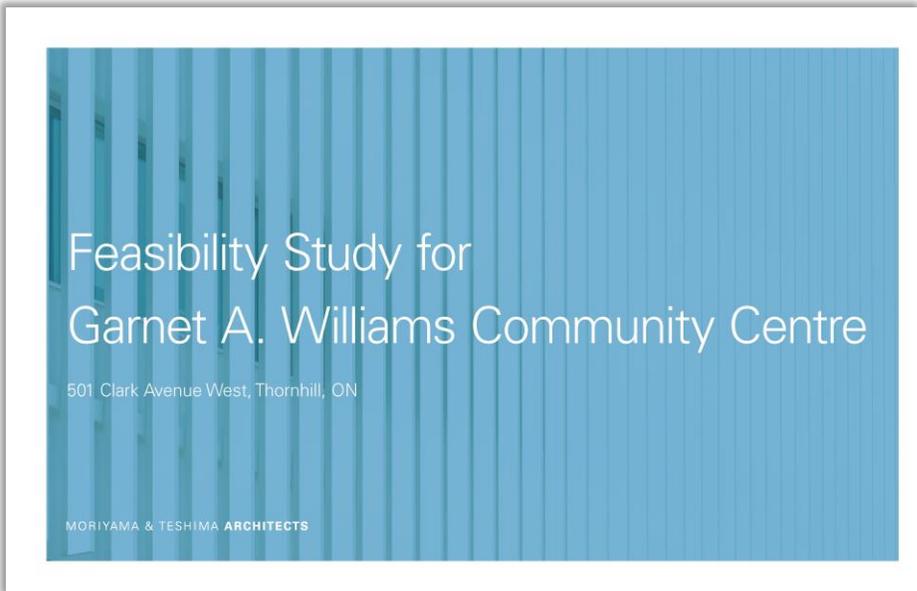
Accessibility Assessment Report, March 2016

Designated Substance Survey, August 2016

Building & Property Condition Assessment, April 2017

Feasibility Study for Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, April 2017

Energy Assessment Report, August 2019



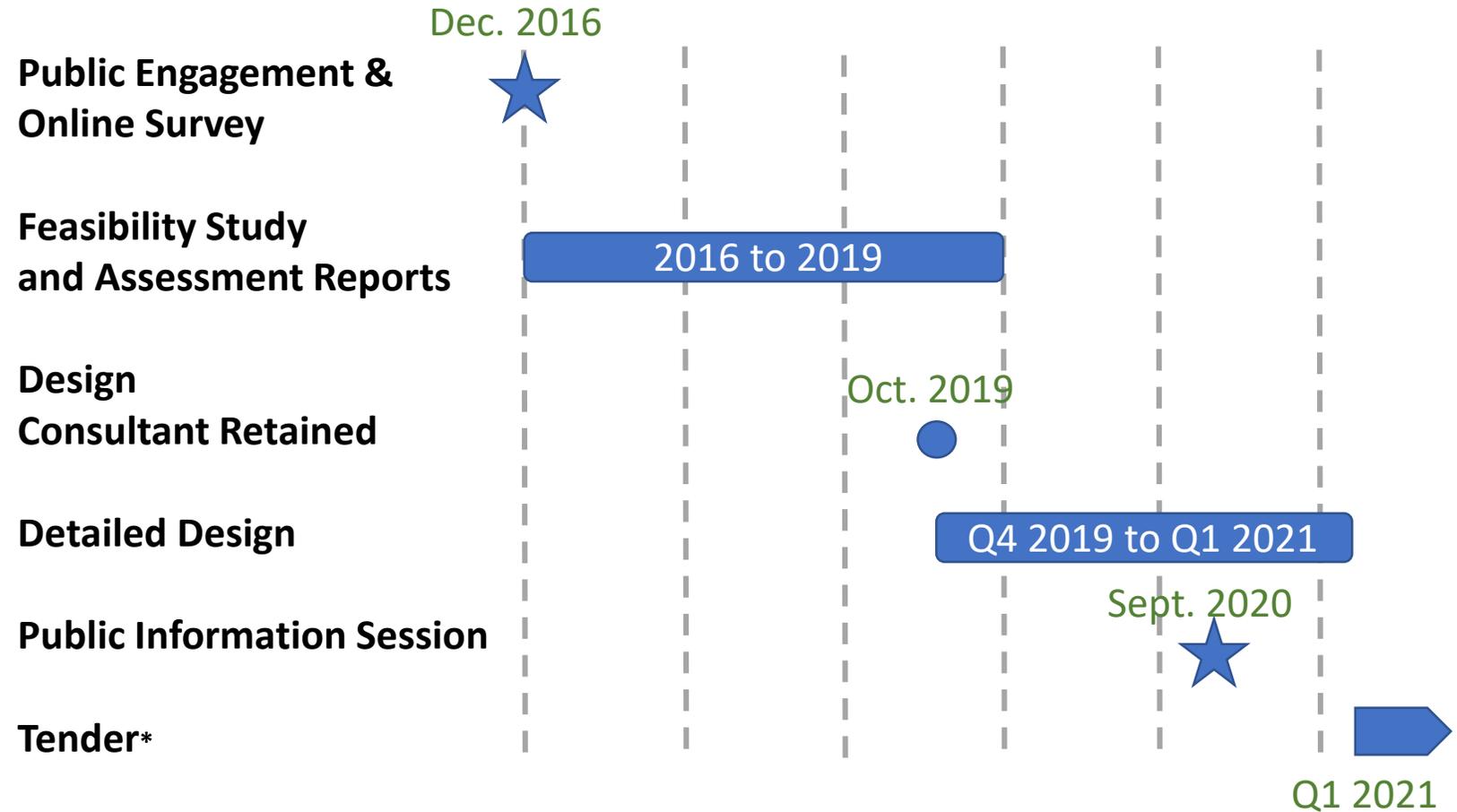
Feasibility Study for  
Garnet A. Williams Community Centre

501 Clark Avenue West, Thornhill, ON

MORIYAMA & TESHIMA ARCHITECTS

# Work to date

## Continuation of work





# Work to date



RFP for Design Consulting Services closed in August 2019 and Consultant Award in September 2019.

+VG Architects were the successful proponents.

The +VG team brings a wealth of experience in the design of municipal and institutional projects locally and throughout Ontario.

**Notable completed projects include:**

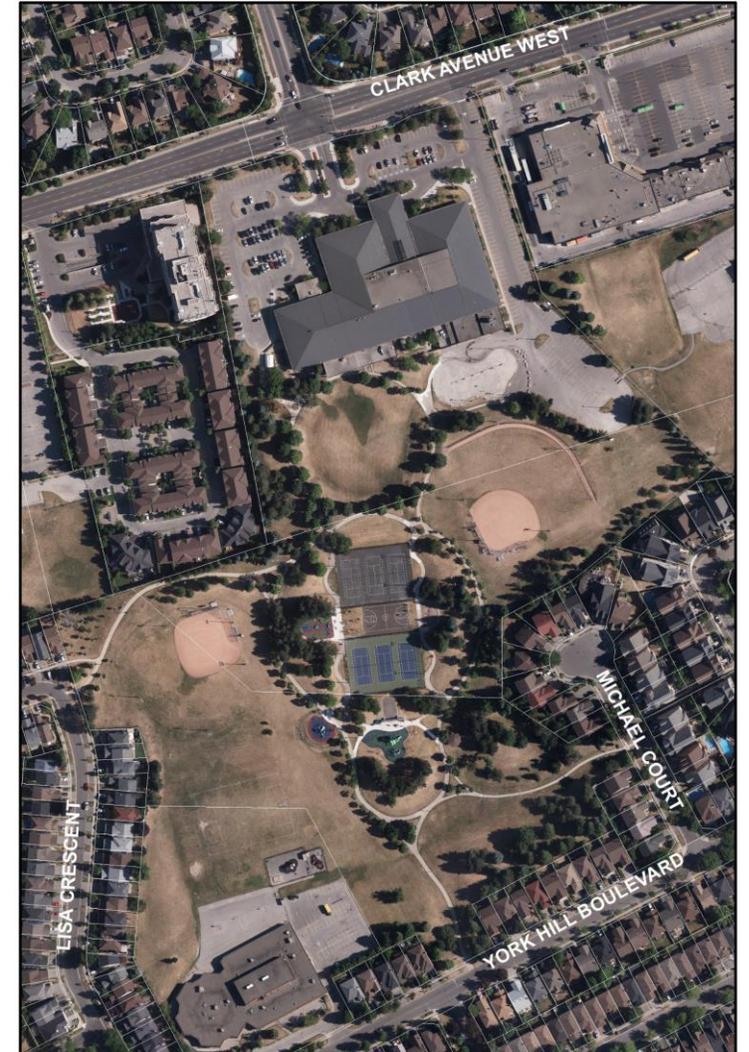
- King Township Municipal Administration Centre
- Vellore Village Community Centre Fitness Centre Addition
- Taro Hall Renovation & Additions, Brock University
- Goodes Hall Renovation & Addition, Queen's University
- Peterborough Public Library Renovation & Addition



# Context and Program

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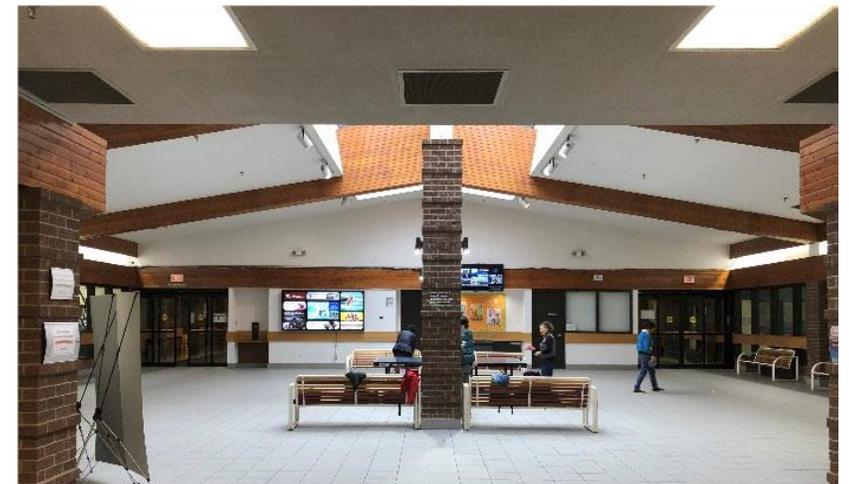
- Built in mid-80's
- Located in an established neighbourhood in Thornhill on Clark Avenue West between Bathurst Street and Yonge Street
- Diverse demographics
- Located on a major bus route
- Direct access to York Hill District Park
- Connection of new bike paths along Clark Avenue
- Close proximity to local businesses, schools and places of worship



# Context and Program

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- **Largest renovation** of a community centre in the City's history
- Through space optimization and strategic renovations, the City is **committed to maintaining existing facilities** as welcoming destinations and community hubs
- Model for other community centres as they age



# Existing Building

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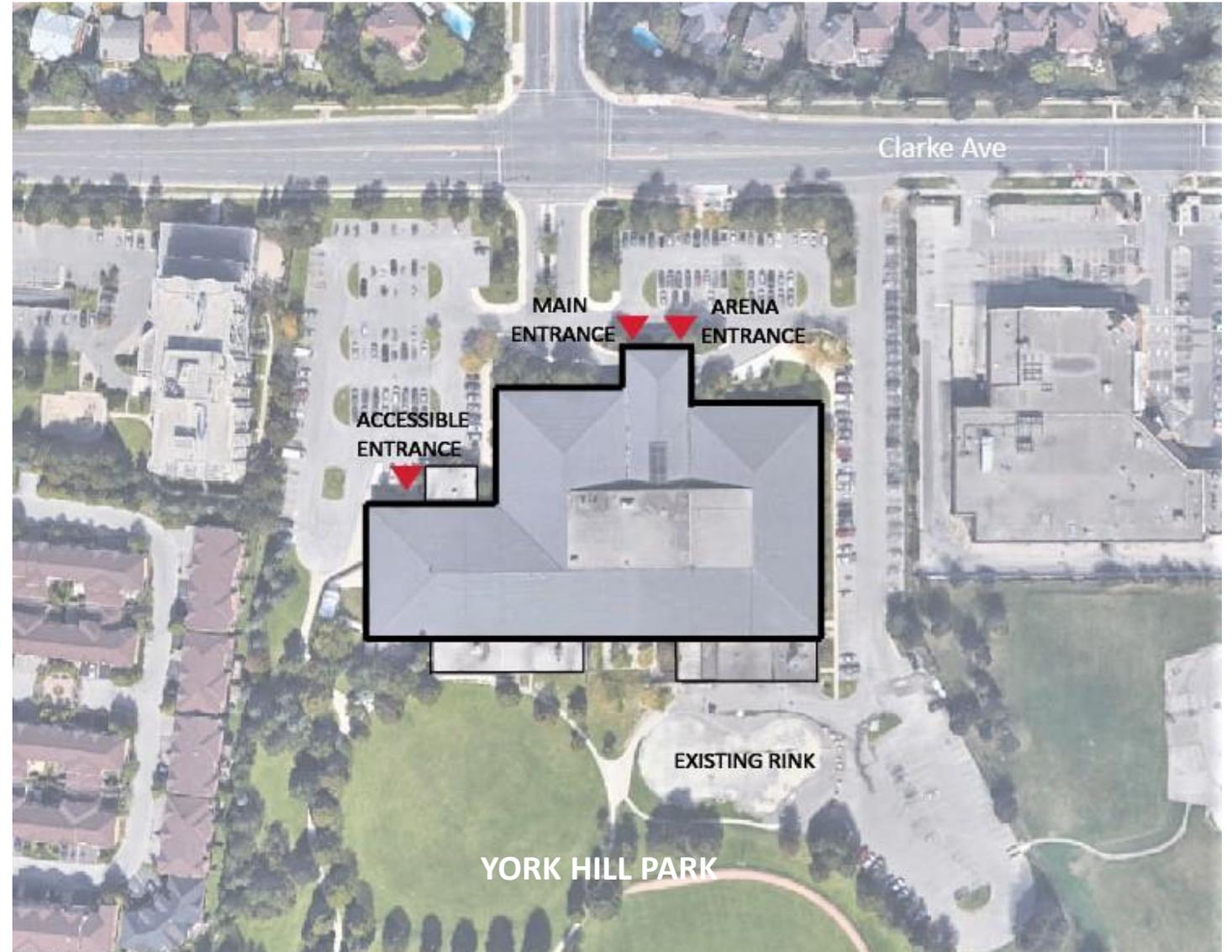
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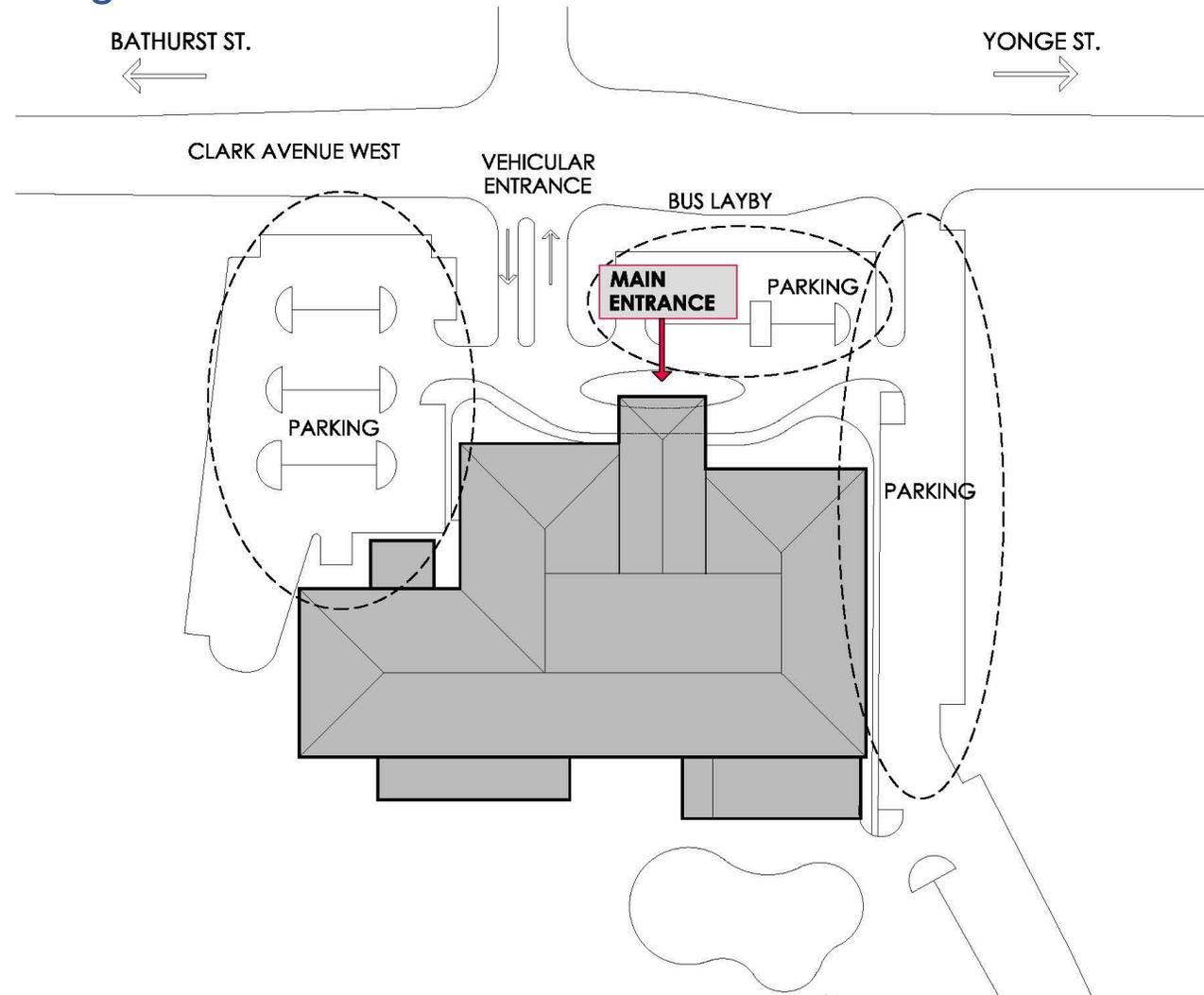
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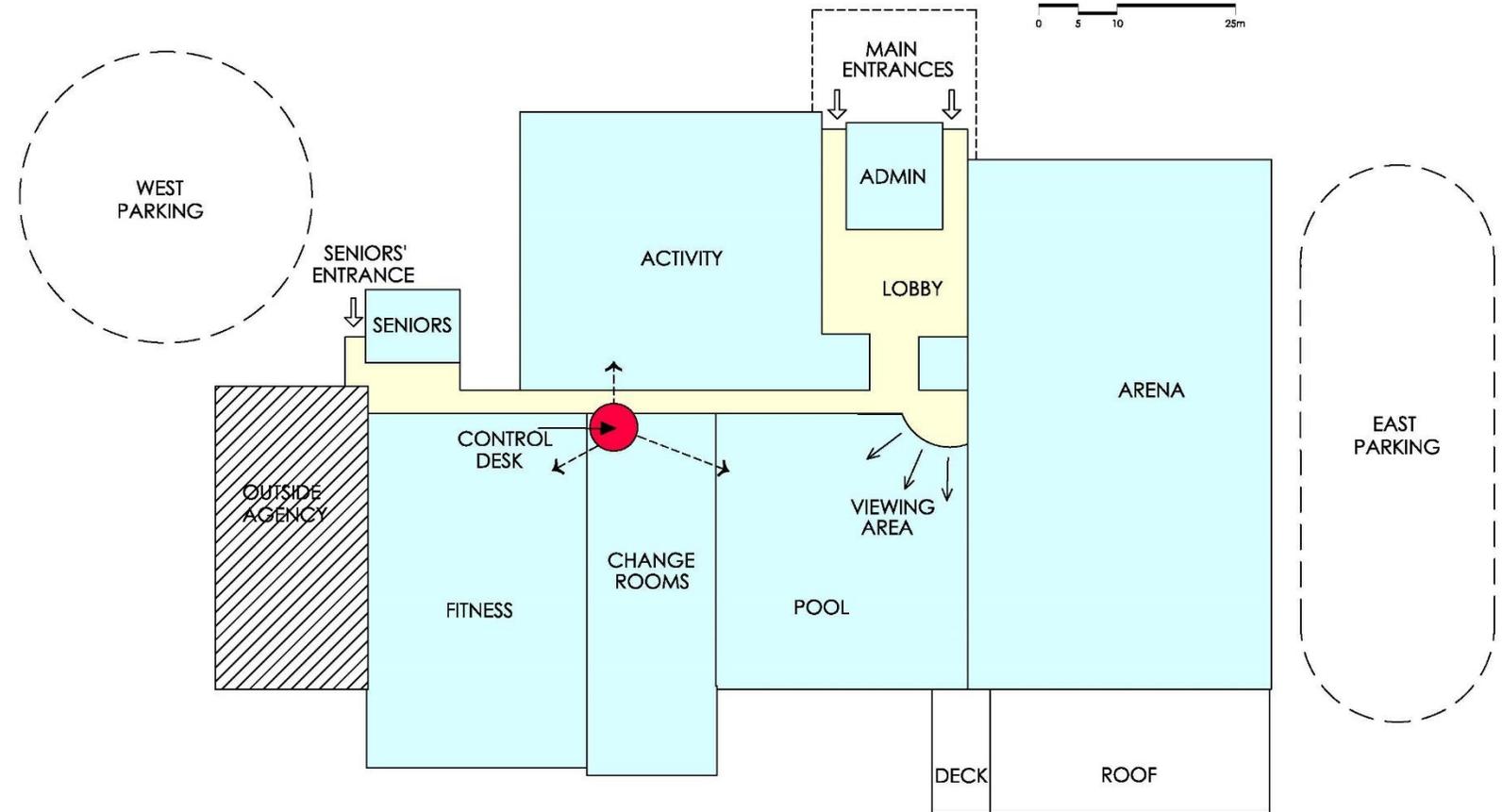
# Context and Program

## Existing Site Plan



# Context and Program

## Existing Program Arrangement

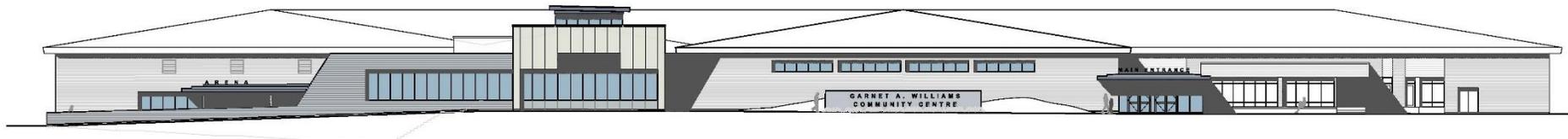


# Design Goals

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## Re-Organizing

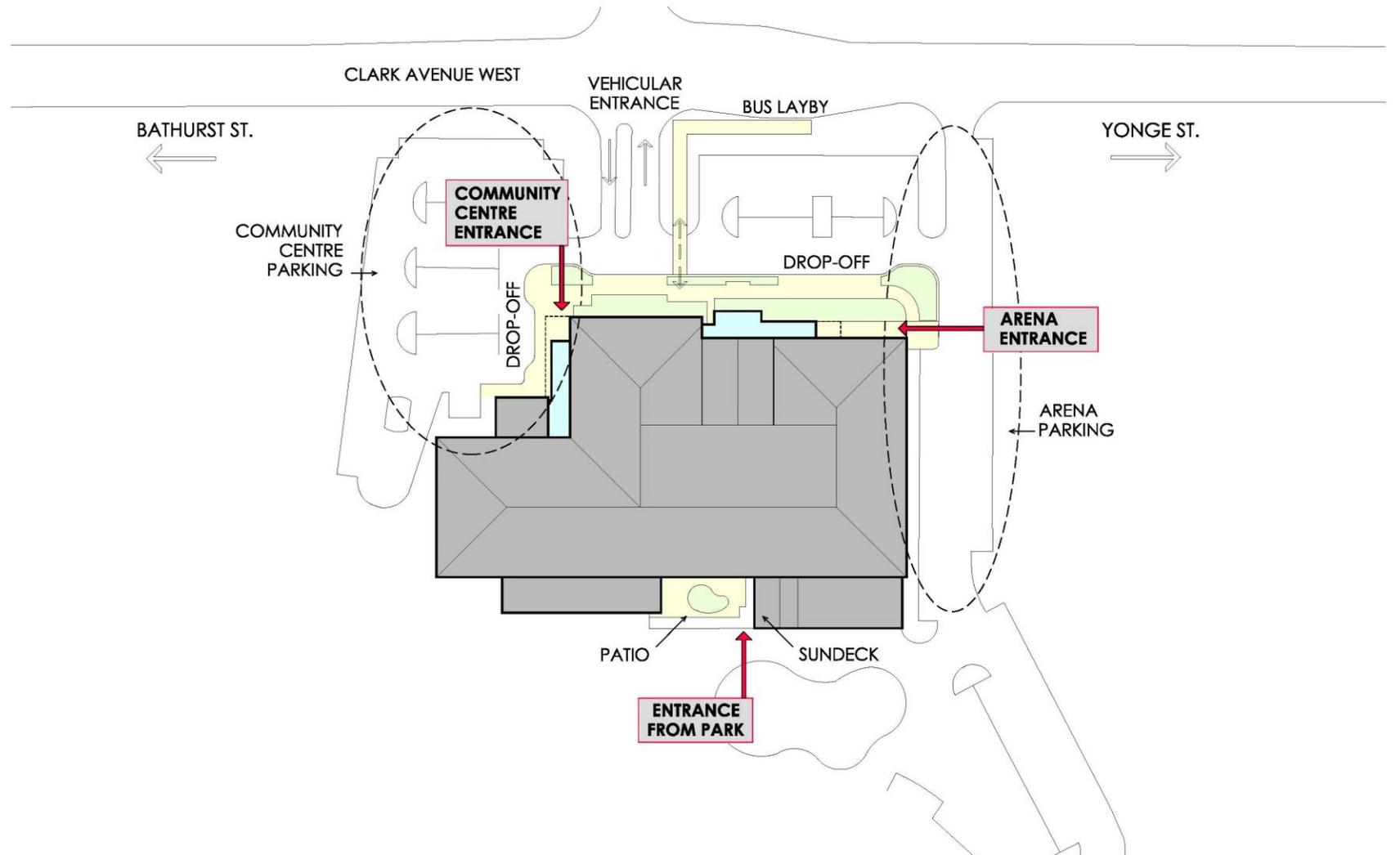
- Establish a new main community centre public lobby close to major program spaces
- Establish distinct arena entrance
- Improve building exterior and entry points
- Upgrade building to current accessibility standards
- Relocate program spaces to building exterior to reveal activities within
- Improve layout of activity rooms and administrative areas





# Re-Organizing

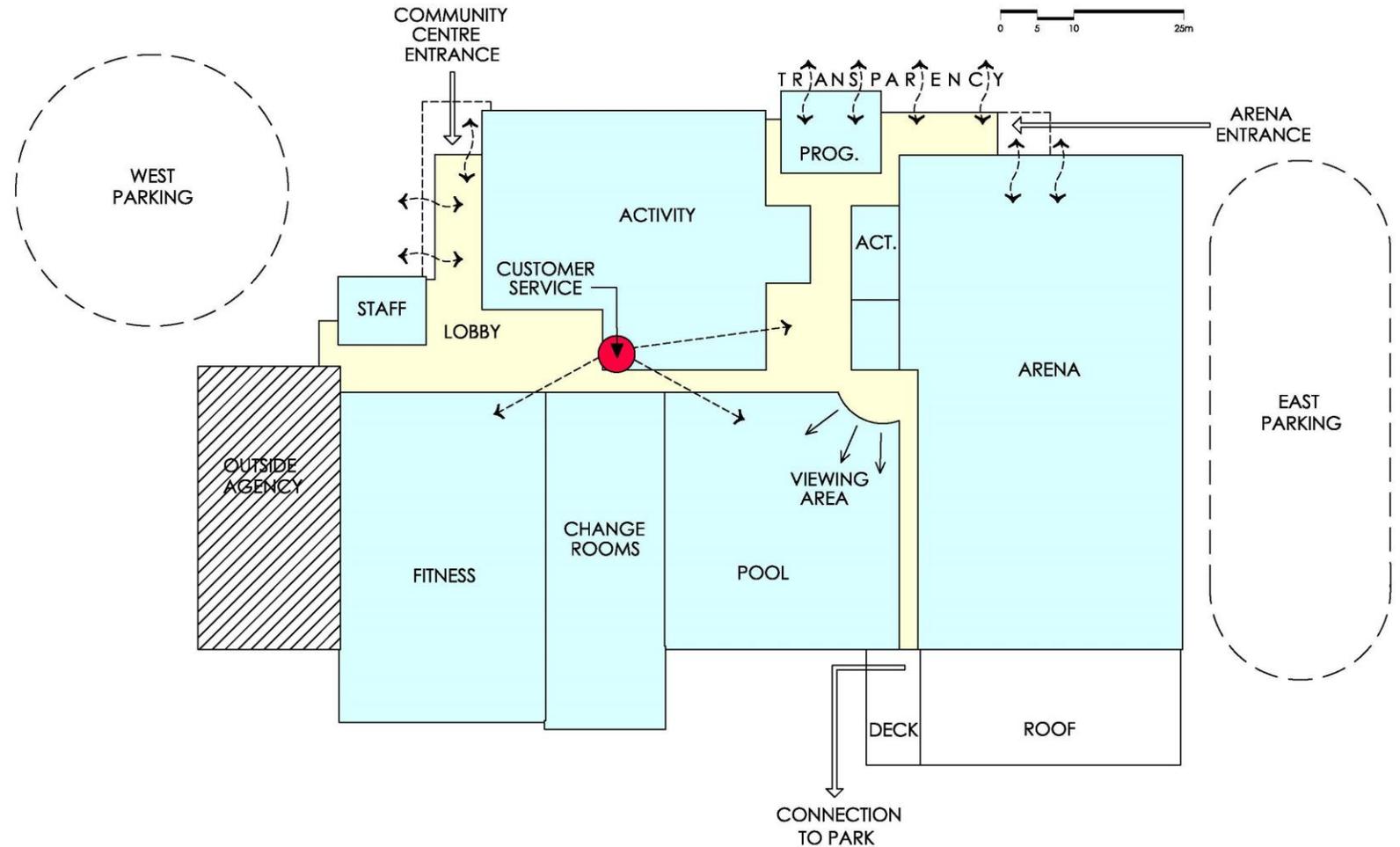
New front entrances and access from York Hill District Park



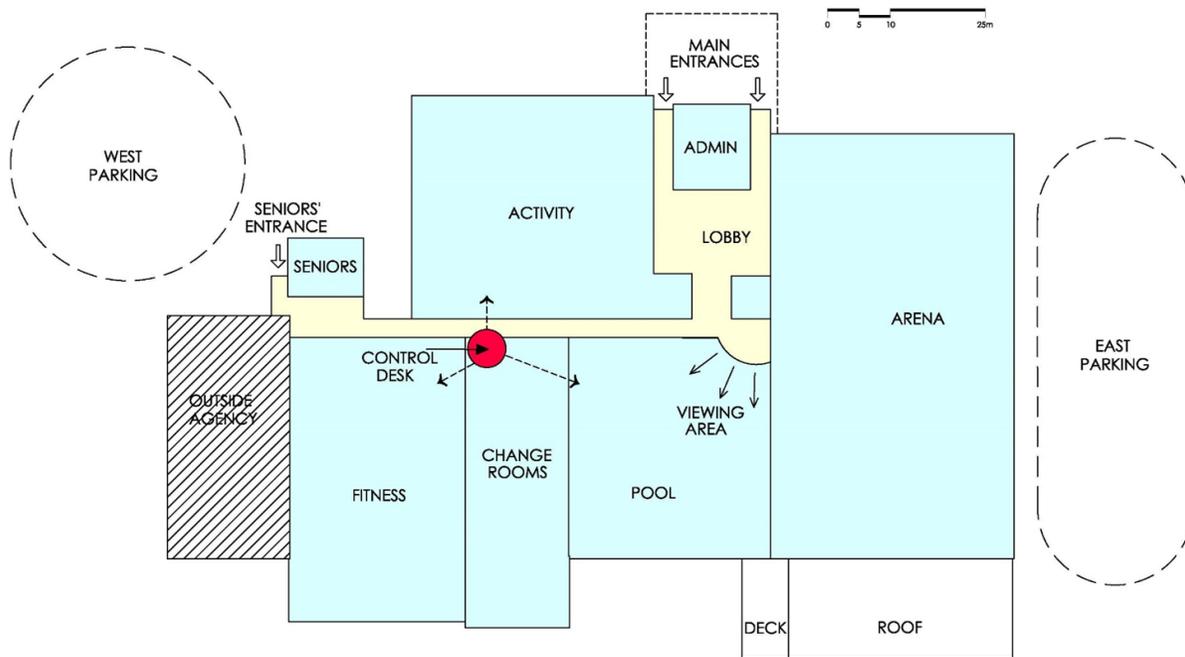


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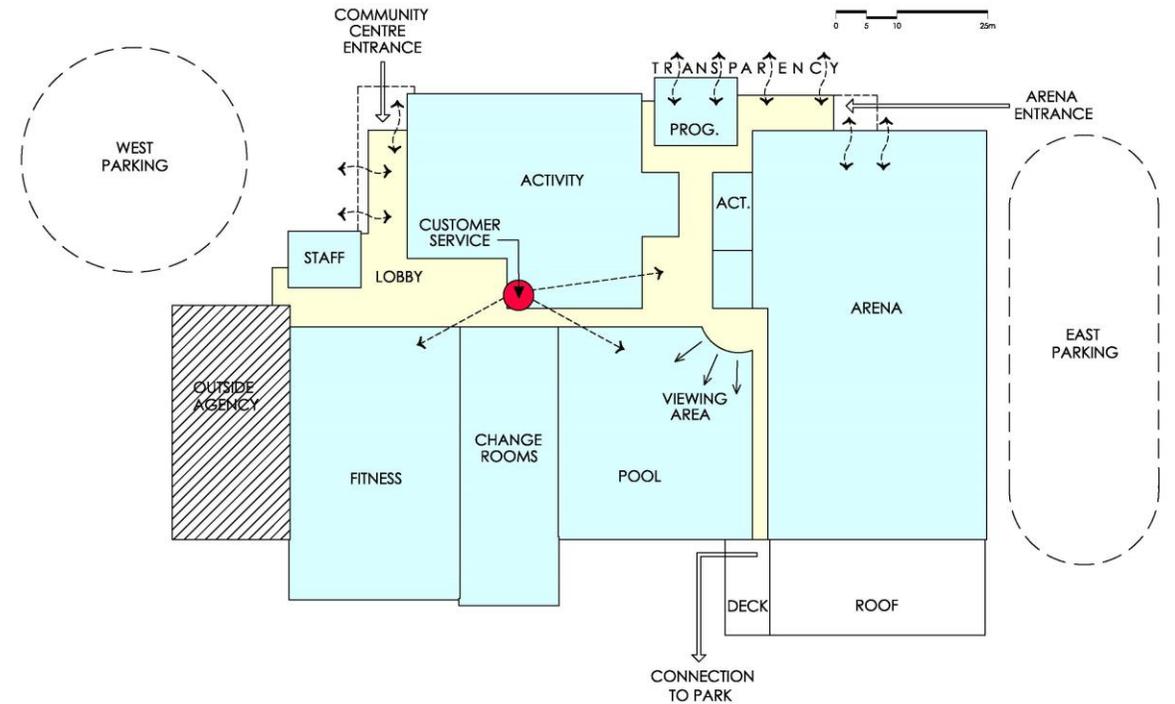
## New layout



# Re-Organizing



Existing arrangement

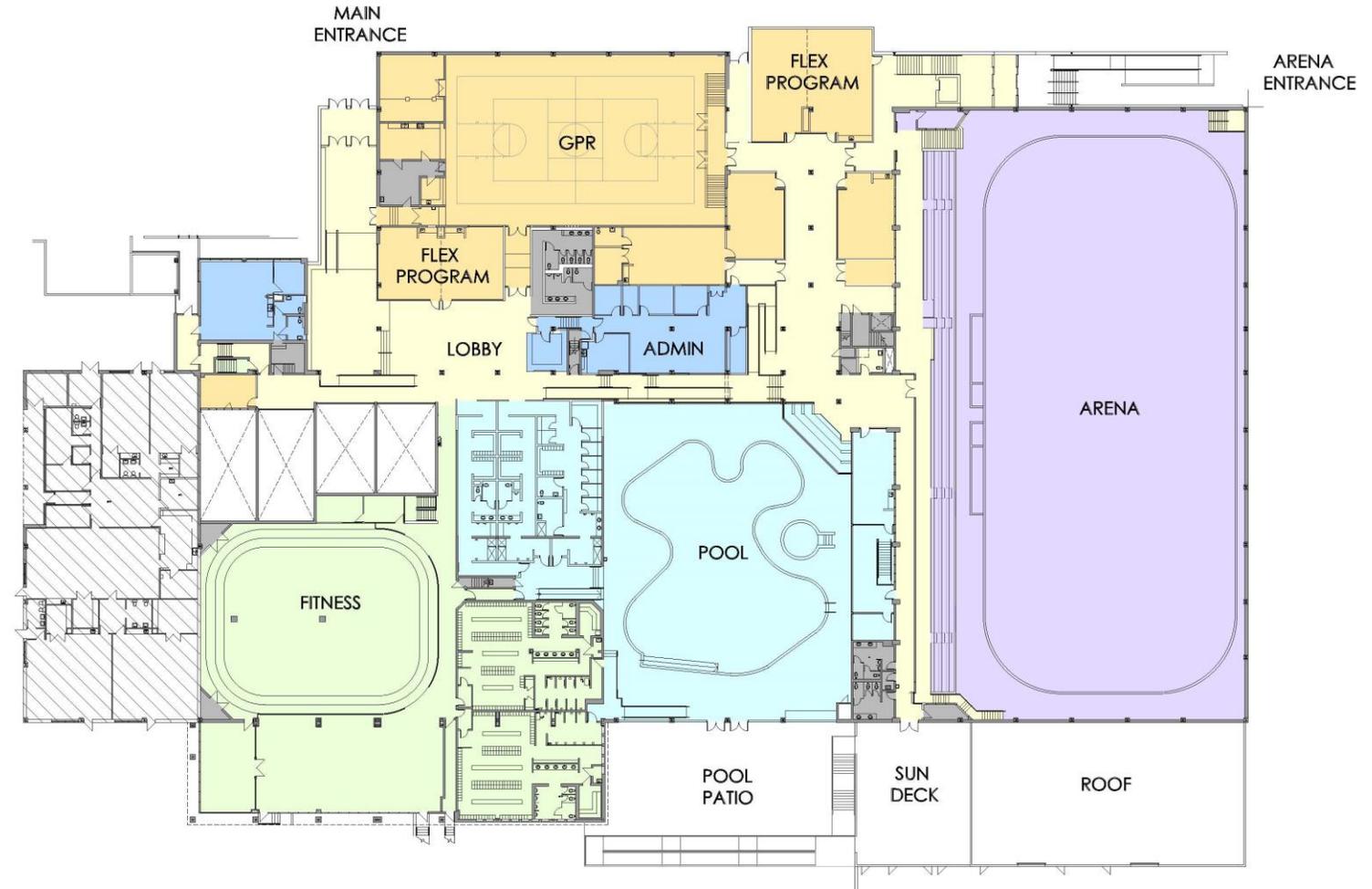


New layout

# New Interior Layout & Design

## Main Level

- New lobby and customer service area
- New activity rooms
- New pool change rooms, deck and patio
- Fitness change room refresh
- New access to rear park
- Improved accessibility



# Existing Building

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Community centre entrance 'before'



# New Design

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New community centre entrance 'after'



# Existing Building

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Arena entrance 'before'



# New Design

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## New arena entrance 'after'



# Existing Building

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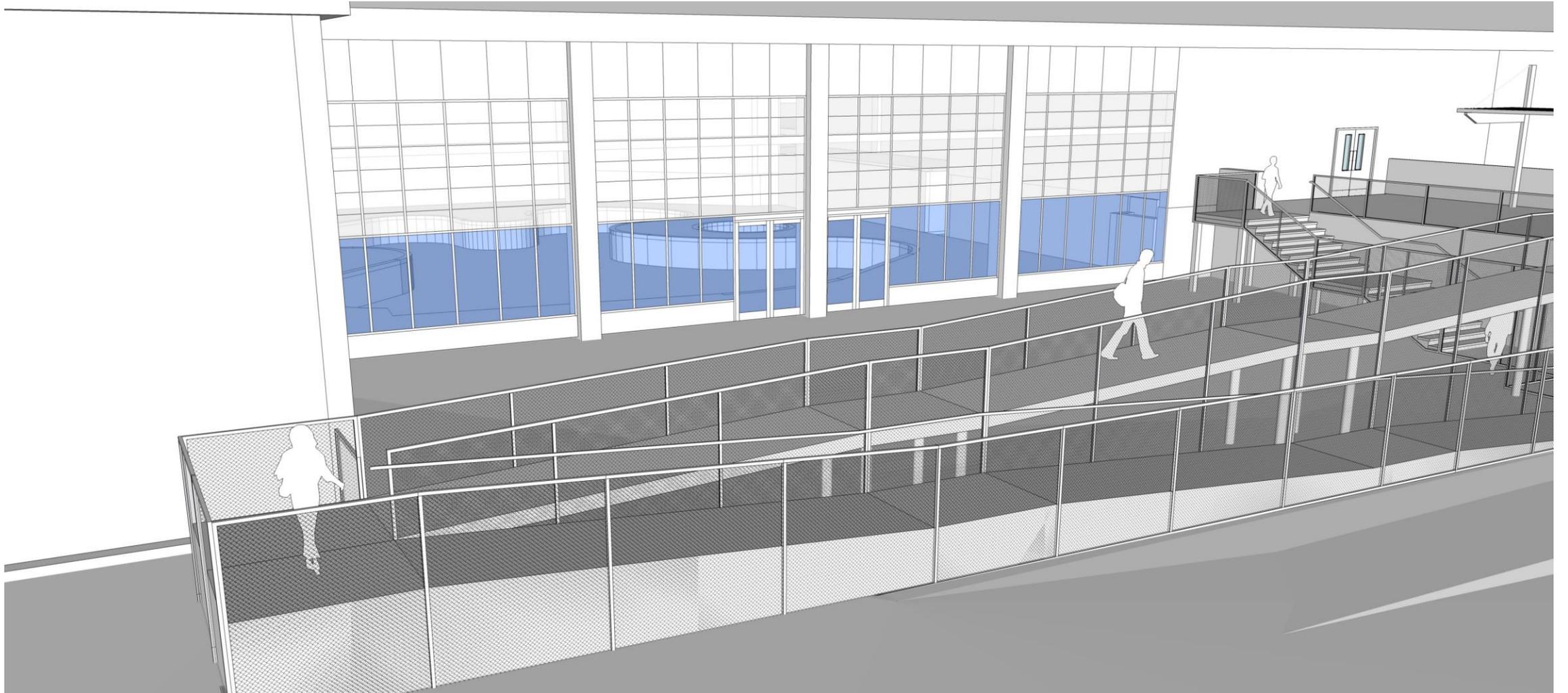
Park access 'before'



# New Design

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New park access 'after'



# Existing Building

## Public lobby 'before'



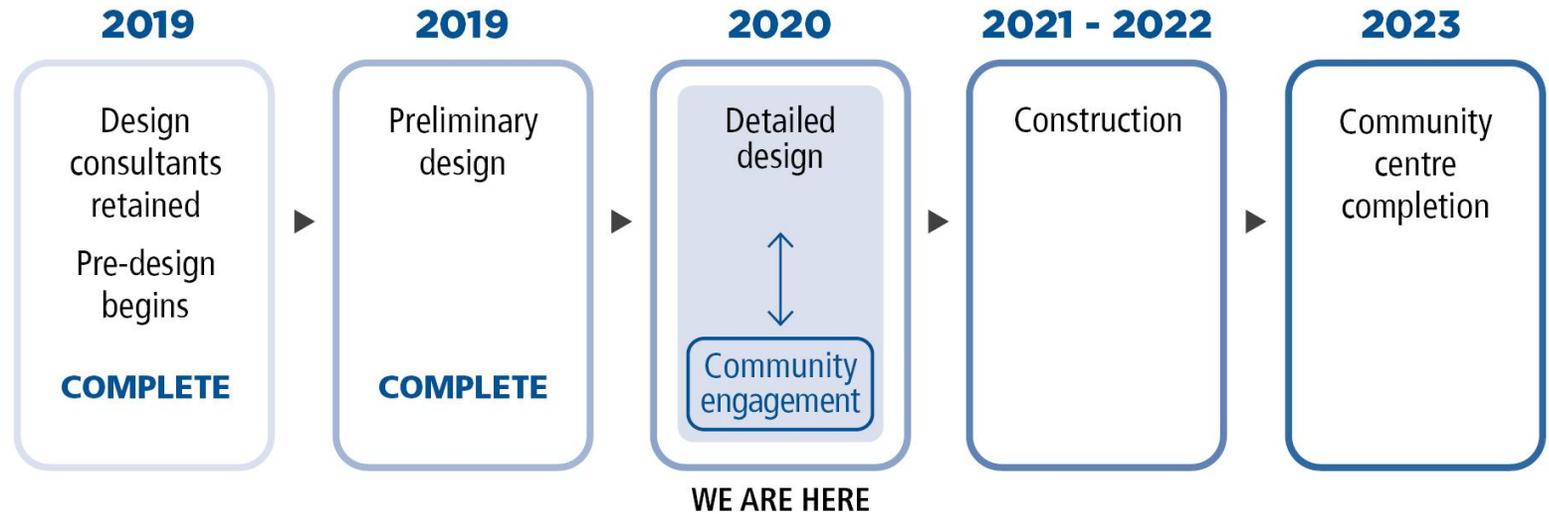
# New Design

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## New public lobby 'after'



# Next Steps



**2019:** Design Consultants retained, pre-design begins (Complete)

**2019:** Preliminary design (Complete)

**2020:** Detailed Design – community engagement [Current Stage]

**2021-2022:** Construction \*(Pending funding)

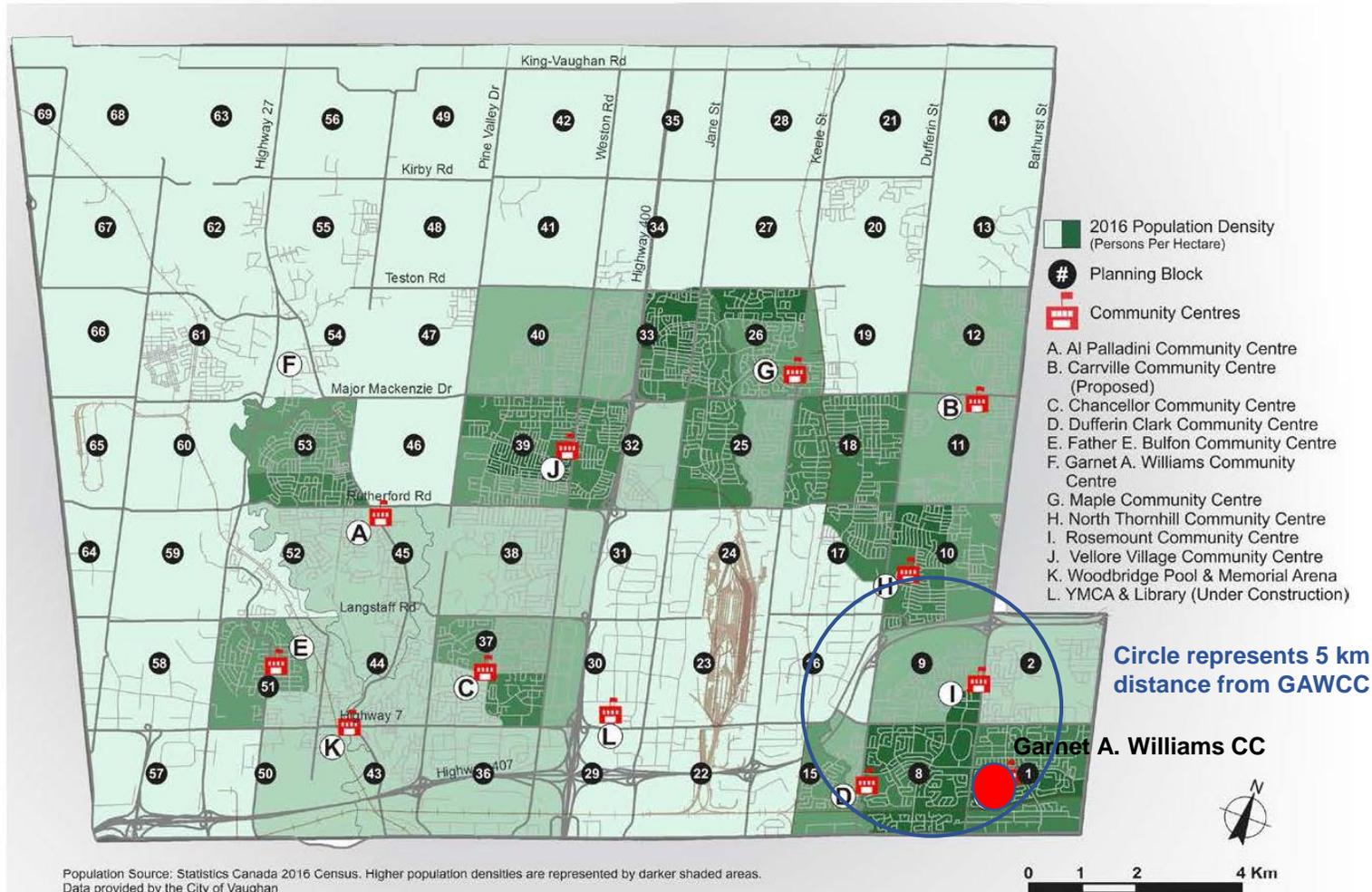
**2023:** Community Centre Completion (Pending funding)

*\*Funding for the project will be pursued through the City's Capital Budget process.*

*Construction updates, details and timelines will be regularly updated on the project's website: [Vaughan.ca/GAWCC](http://Vaughan.ca/GAWCC)*

# Temporary Closure

## Municipal Community Centres



Population Source: Statistics Canada 2016 Census. Higher population densities are represented by darker shaded areas.  
Data provided by the City of Vaughan

- 2021-2022 anticipated facility closure
- Customers can use the City's **nine indoor pools** including Dufferin Clark Community Centre and North Thornhill Community Centre.
- Vaughan Fitness members may use any of City's **five fitness centres**, such as North Thornhill Community Centre Fitness Centre.
- Vaughan memberships can be put on hold **without penalty**.
- Additional programs will be offered at community centres in close proximity to the Garnet A. Williams CC.
- Updated information on recreation programs and services: [vaughan.ca/recreation](http://vaughan.ca/recreation)

# Online Survey

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Thank you for joining us.

Let's continue the conversation - online.

Visit [vaughan.ca/GAWCC](https://vaughan.ca/GAWCC) to participate in an online survey that will collect high-level community feedback on the preliminary design of the community centre.



**Thank You.**

