

Next Steps in Multiplex Engagement

Since early summer, a team of public engagement specialists from HDR Corporation has been facilitating consultation on the proposed Parksville Aquatic and Recreation Centre, or multiplex. This consultation will help gauge the community's interest in a new facility, identify potential programs and amenities and help determine a suitable site for the proposed multiplex.

HDR is receiving comments and ideas from the community through our *Let's Talk Parksville* site, via email directly to HDR, and from popup events in August and a virtual listening event last month. Here are next steps; HDR is also making plans for youth and student engagement.

Virtual Workshops on October 27

Originally scheduled as in-person, the two workshops will now be held virtually. The ninety-minute workshops, scheduled for 1 pm and 6 pm, will include facilitated discussions, small-group exercises, and activities that will help determine how and where the multiplex could most benefit the community. There are three major goals to the HDR facilitated workshop:

- Input will help to understand the Parksville community by identifying key locations, points of interest, or features in the City.
- In small groups, participants will spend a few minutes in their neighbour's shoes as 'personas' are used to help understand the various needs of everyone in the community.
- At the end of the workshop, participants will use this information, community values and community needs, to help identify the types of locations for the multiplex and what amenities/programs should be prioritized.

To participate in one of the workshops, RSVP to hdr@parksville.ca. Space will be confirmed, and instructions will be emailed a few days before the workshop. Enrolment is limited and another workshop may be added if interest is high. The last day to register is October 25. Please do not sign up unless you plan to attend.

Display at Parksville Civic and Technology Centre, Atrium

For the next few months, the atrium in the PCTC will feature display boards to help understand the engagement process. The PCTC is open 8 am to 4 pm, Monday to Friday with an entrance from Jensen Avenue East. Masks are mandatory when in the building.

Survey Questions

A series of questions have been created for your response. Questions are available as a paper copy in the PCTC and also on Let's Talk Parksville to complete out online. We hope you will take this opportunity to provide your comments and ideas. The survey questions are available at this [link](#).

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