

**Purpose** 

This report seeks confirmation of the site for the new Crystal Pool and Wellness Centre and direction to proceed with the next phases of the project.



## **Background**

- Council direction to revisit the project given in 2022
- 2024 updated Feasibility Study explored site options and updated cost estimates in preparation for referendum
- Referendum was held on February 8, 2025, results demonstrated public support for funding the project (58.71%) and a clear preference for Central Park North (60.57%)

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# **Site Options**

#### **Central Park North**

· Site of existing facility

#### **Central Park South**

 Site of existing playground, sport courts



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# **Project Principles**

The design for the new Crystal Pool and Wellness Centre in either location is a **high-quality health and wellness facility** that is **climate resilient** and **universally accessible.** 

**Inclusive** 



**Accessible** 



Efficient & Sustainable



High-Quality Health & Wellness Facility



Place for Community



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## **Facility Features**



Lobby



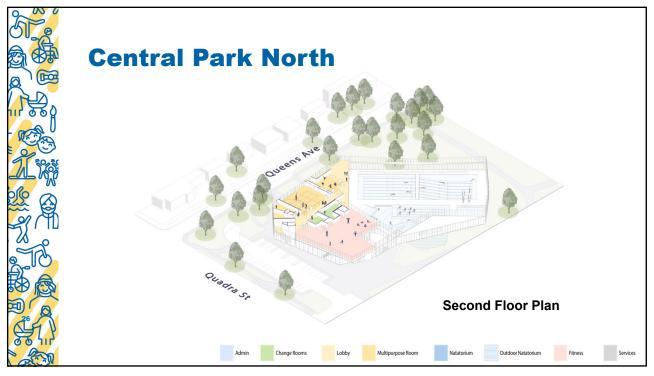
**Pools** 



**Fitness Area** 

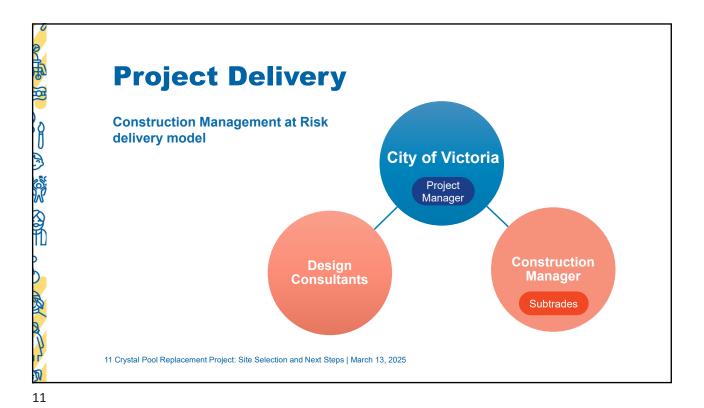
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### **Financial Summary Central Park North Central Park South** \$209.2 M \$215.9 M **Total Project Budget** -\$30.0 M -\$30.0 M **Debt Reduction Reserve funds** -\$17.0 M -\$17.0 M Infrastructure Reserve funds \$162.2 M \$168.9 M **Net Cost Funded by Debt** 9 Crystal Pool Replacement Project: Site Selection and Next Steps | March 13, 2025

**Options and Impacts Total project Shorter Pool closed** Courts and **Fewer trees NORTH** budget overall during playground to be replaced \$209.2 million construction construction open during construction **Total project** Basketball **Pool may More trees** Longer SOUTH budget overall remain court relocated to be replaced construction open during during \$215.9 million construction construction 10 Crystal Pool Replacement Project: Site Selection and Next Steps | March 13, 2025



Risk Management

Risk Mitigation Strategy

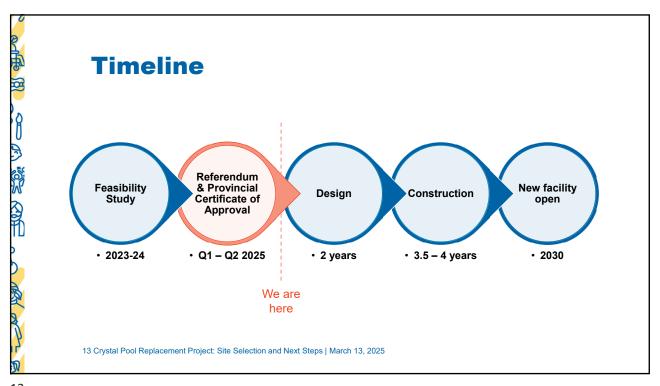
Proceed with referendum-approved design
Use a decision-making framework

Market Uncertainty

Strategic procurements
Material substitutions
Contractual safeguards

Early planning and clear communication
Support for staff and patrons
Work with regional partners

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#### **Recommendations**

#### That Council:

- a. Designate Central Park North as the site for the new Crystal Pool and Wellness Centre, with a project budget of \$209.2 million; and
- b. Direct staff to procure the necessary resources to initiate the next phases of the project, with the design aligned with the Basis of Design (Appendix 1) and the Central Park North Design Concept (Appendix 2), once the funding Certificate of Approval is received from the Province of B.C; and
- c. Instruct staff to provide regular project updates to Council and the public; and
- d. Forward this recommendation to the Council meeting on March 13 for consideration.

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