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Proposed Functional Program for New Community Centre at 926 Pandora Avenue

Committee of the Whole
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Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the functional program of the community space in the proposed new development at 926 Pandora Avenue.



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Background

The 926 Pandora Avenue development will achieve multiple City priorities, including affordable housing and other community amenities.

Council has provided direction on specific program requirements for the community space.



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Research and Analysis

Research involved consultation with various facility operators, local non-profit organizations and community arts and culture stakeholders

All the facilities studied offer flexible multi-purpose spaces, which can accommodate a range of activities and adapt to usage needs over time



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Functional Program

The proposed program offers approximately 1,600 square metres of physical space to accommodate a wide range of individual and community health and wellness activities



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Childcare Space

- Space for up to 36 children
- Outdoor play areas
- Support spaces including a parent room, kitchen and administrative space



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Objectives for Arts and Culture Spaces

- Everyone feels welcome and able to access affordable spaces
- Serve a range of needs for artistic and creative expression
- Facilitate inclusion, promote diversity and community wellness



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Multipurpose Rooms

- Large gymnasium-like room for events, performances and recreational programs
- Medium rooms to support dance, arts, and health and wellness programs
- Small rooms for quiet activities and meetings



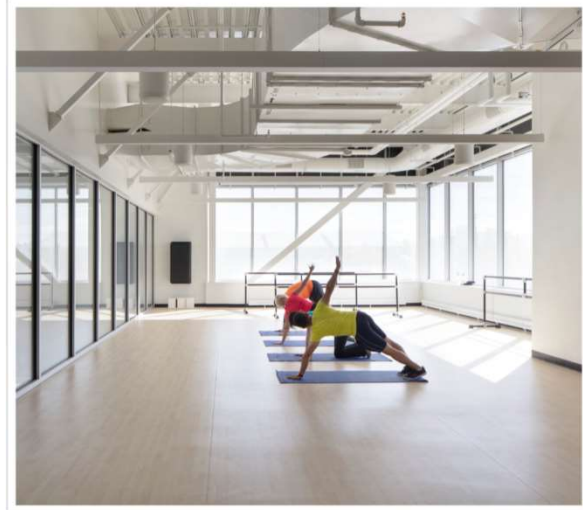
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Kitchen

- Sized to accommodate two full kitchens which could support a variety of cooking programs
- Adjacent to the large multipurpose room to support events



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Reception and Administration

- The new facility will be safe, accessible and welcoming
- The staffed areas will be located to ensure clear sightlines to the entrance, program rooms, and common areas



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Impacts to Financial Plan

The current phase of work for this project has been approved in the Financial Plan.

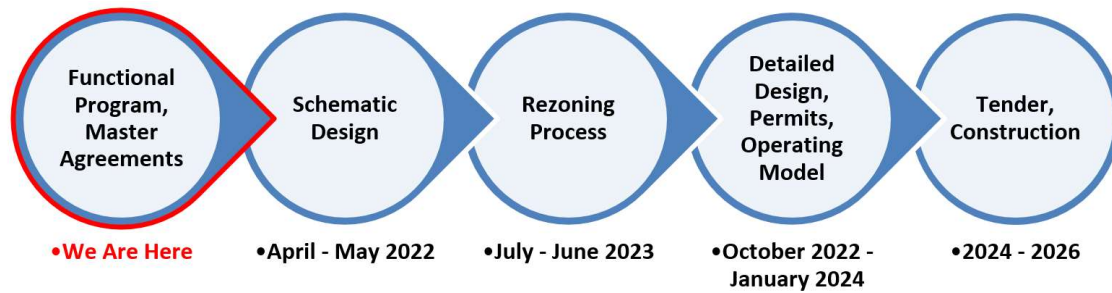
Future budgetary requirements to complete detailed design and operation of the community space will be determined during the next phase of the project.

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Timeline



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Recommendation

That Council approve the functional program for the new community space in the development planned for 926 Pandora Avenue.

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