

2004 MAY 20

**TO:** CITY MANAGER

**FROM:** DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES

**SUBJECT: UPDATE ON RENOVATION PROJECT AT BONSOR RECREATION  
COMPLEX**

**PURPOSE:** To request Council's approval for a reduction in fees for the services affected by the renovation at Bonsor Recreation Complex.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. THAT approval be given for a 25% reduction in fees for the services affected by the renovation at Bonsor Recreation Complex to reflect the reduced level of service.

**REPORT**

At its meeting of 2004 May 19, the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission received the above noted report and adopted the recommendation contained therein.



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DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION  
AND CULTURAL SERVICES

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Attachment

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cc: Director Finance

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

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**REPORT**

**BACKGROUND**

In 2003, Cornerstone Planning Group and Hotson Bakker Architects worked with staff to analyze and evaluate Bonsor Recreation Complex's service demands, space constraints and opportunities, and the condition and longevity of the physical plant systems.

The completed report provides the Parks, Recreation, and Culture Commission and staff with a planning tool for the next 18 years. The general conclusion of the analysis is that Bonsor Recreation Complex is well maintained, extremely well used, and operating above capacity. There are many service areas that have high demands and are limited by the constraints of the facility.

The opportunity arose, with the expiry of the restaurant lease, to determine another use for the 210 square metres of restaurant space that would help meet some of the excessive demands. As indicated in the consultant's report, the space, with excellent visibility and views to the outdoors, would be ideal for an expanded fitness cardio space.

In 2003 August, the Commission approved the expenditure from the Capital Budget for the design work for the renovation project that includes the following aspects:

- convert the restaurant space to a fitness cardio space (Attachment #1)
- connect the weight room on the lower floor to the fitness cardio space on the main floor
- expand the weightroom into the lobby area and create a control/ reception area (Attachment #2)
- convert the existing racquet court/ cardio space to a multi- use space (Attachment #2)

Funds for this project have been identified in the 2004 and 2005 Capital Budget.

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**CURRENT**

Over the last number of months, staff worked with the architects, Hotson Bakker Boniface Haden to develop the conceptual design. Currently, the working drawings are nearing completion and the construction tender process will begin early in June and an anticipated awarding of the contract by the end of that month. It is planned that the construction will begin in July. It is anticipated that the project will be completed in a timely manner but may extend into 2005.

It is estimated that the new Cardio space and renovated weight room with its adjoining stairway will be equipped and open for operation by early October at the latest if the above mentioned timeline comes to fruition. The current racquet court/ cardio space will be converted to a multi-purpose space as the second stage of this renovation project.

A plan has been developed for a reduced cardio and weight room service while those facilities are being renovated. While the proposed renovation period of July 12 - September 08 is the slowest time for this service area and includes a one week period that the weight room is usually closed for annual maintenance, there are 400 daily users on average. Staff are very cognizant that regular users of the cardio and weight room services are very dedicated to their regime and may go to another facility if they are unable to exercise at Bonsor. Therefore, equipment will be moved into three racquet courts to ensure all three exercise aspects, cardio, free weights, and cable stations, are available. Approval to reduce the current fees associated with this service by 25% is requested to reflect the reduction in service that the patrons will experience.

A communications plan will be developed to notify the cardio, weight room, racquet sport and table tennis participants of the changes, timeline and their options for continued participation.

**CONCLUSION**

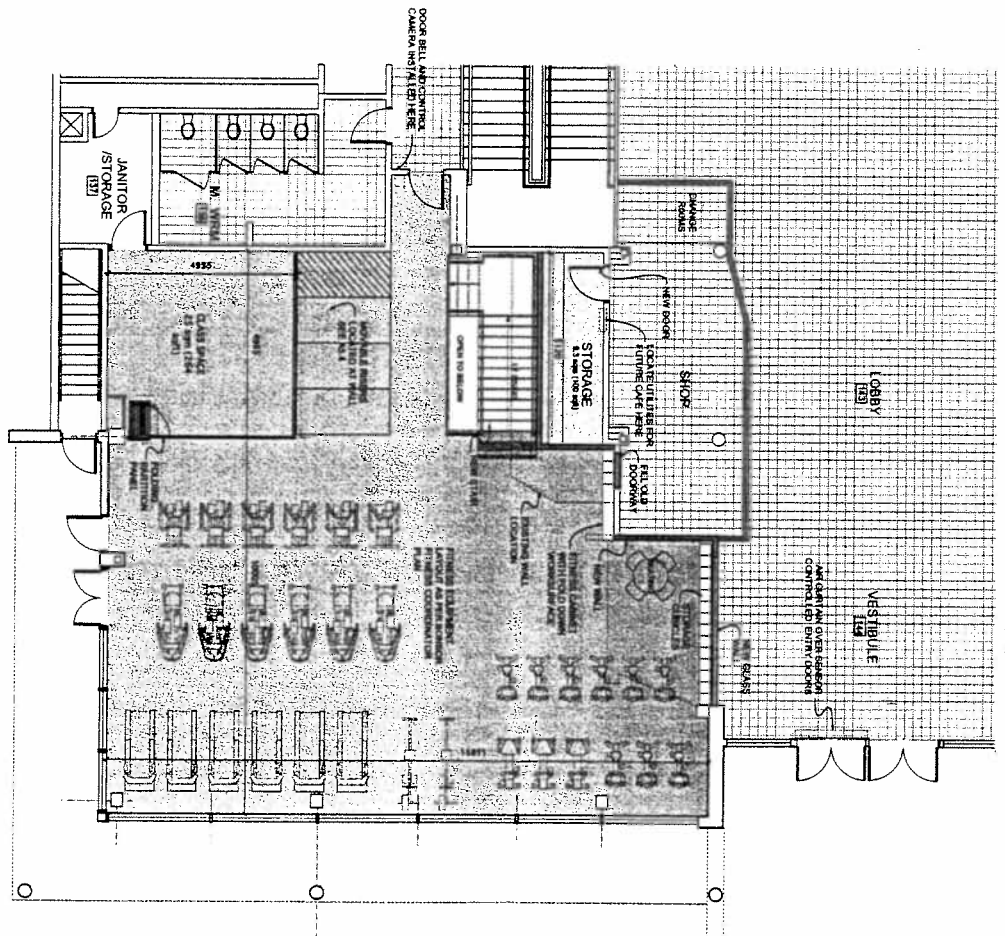
The Commission will continue to be apprised of the Bonsor renovation project as it moves into the tendering and construction stage. It is anticipated that in the Fall 2004, Bonsor Recreation Complex will be able to offer community members an expanded and updated cardio and fitness service. The additional service will not only help to meet the demands for increased cardio and fitness opportunities but will generate additional revenue to offset the loss of the restaurant lease.

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Attachments (2)

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Cardio Room

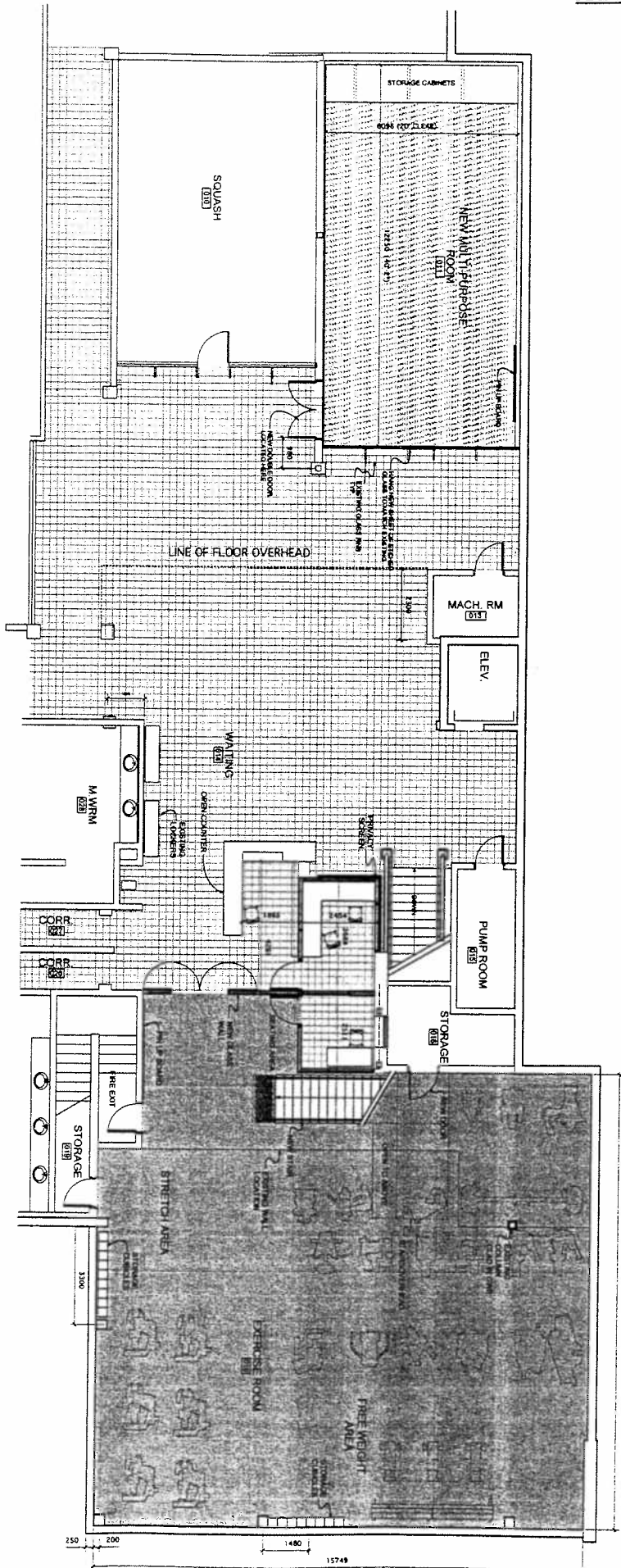


MAIN FLOOR PLAN

Bonsor Rec. Centre

Schematic Design Concepts  
 Holson Bakker Boniface Haden Architects  
 May 12 2004

Weight Room + Multi-purpose Room



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