

GARC open house – Sept 7th 2011

GARC 25m option

In favour of more family / multi purpose swim area at GARC

- 25 m pool is family friendly
- Great option. Gives figure skaters/hockey/ringette players cross training opportunity, great walk ability for local residents & school
- Like the spray deck option on the 25m concept. Glen Allan park is large enough to support this option and more spray parks are long overdue
- Consider 50m comments apply to 25m as well
- Is 50meters needed? Most swim competitions use 25m – mill place can handle the larger meets

Safety concerns

- Safety issues for school children
- This is a residential neighbourhood with lots of young children walking on an already busy street.
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Green space

- Green space does not equal wasted space (we have no large parks for family use such as Hawrelak in Edmonton)
- Future generations need parkland not developed. Also this is home to small wildlife
- Please – save our bush!
- The park already has limited green space. More trees should NOT be cut down!
- Surely we can put this kind of complex in some area where parking, buses, and room for expansion can be done. Not in an existing parkland and residential area
- Beautiful, well used green space. Leave it alone.
- Leave trees, forest, green space alone!!!
- The cost itself! Let alone the loss to the community!
- “Go green” – is that a slogan or a commitment? Loss of greenbelt is a permanent impact on community quality of life, ecology, and a destruction of current free recreation in Glen Allan park.
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Fiscal responsible concerns

- Clarify “operational cost estimate”.
- * What does this do to taxes? House prices in immediate vicinity \$\$\$. A bigger parking lot takes more time to de-snow for the 3am backup alarm. He’s going to have a rough time in the future!
- The cost itself! Let alone the loss to the community!
- Let the councillors, council & admin count your beans and blessings – only

In favour of more availability of swimming lessons

- area is heavily used for curriculum development.

How changes to this facility will affect housing cost

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Concern for noise

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- Install something to reduce the noise from the arena equipment on the east side of the building if removing trees

Parking concern / traffic congestion

- * Surely we can put this kind of complex in some area where parking, buses, and room for expansion can be done. Not in an existing parkland and residential area.
- Way too much traffic in this area already!
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Long term Expansion Concerns

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GARC – 50m concept

Family / multi purpose swim area at GARC

- Best long term ROI and provides additional pool space without impacting existing facilities, provides for employment opportunities in sh.pk
- Not a pool for the majority of residents
- Neighbourhood around GARC experiencing a demographic shift as old birds move on to new pastures. Many young families moving in, already there on my street. Pool would encourage a rejuvenation of this whole neighbourhood. Status quo isn't good for everyone
- GARC has been a good neighbour...see no reason why that shouldn't change. Traffic – Georgian way is a main collector road – at 8:30am it's already the Indy 500 with the “Wes Hosford minivan moms”. Fix the problem at the source – get ‘em to learn some manners. Not a GARC issue

Safety concerns

- safety issues for school children
- please develop in a more commercial area
- Should NOT go in Glen Allan – this area is completely residential and cannot handle the increase in traffic. Also pollution, crime will increase. Elementary school right next door
- Not to mention loss of natural wood life including mice and skunks but they are too predictable. Your artist forgets that excavating a hill will, with slopes for safety, construction access and stability will completely remove all trees
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- Vandalism & garbage may increase

Green space

- park area is heavily used by school children for curriculum
- we need more green space not less
- far too invasive into the park. The trees and the quiet of the park is so important to all of Sherwood park
- the 50 m pool is far too invasive into the existing parkland
- Loss of green space too invasive
- Green space was designed as a sound barrier for noise from turbines! We don't need another Millennium in our area
- Greengrove is the only large park in Sherwood park.
- Development in established green space is simply not acceptable
- Not to mention loss of natural wood life including mice and skunks but they are too predictable. Your artist forgets that excavating a hill will, with slopes for safety, construction access and stability will completely remove all trees

Fiscal responsible concerns

- Who will pay for this?

In favour of more availability of swimming lessons

- Will up property value – local facility – walking distance for large number of people – excellent. This site would be a complete fitness centre – pool design would meet fitness swim needs.

Parking concern / traffic congestion

- Already too much traffic in small area with such large population in centre of the park, Georgian way is already unable to handle traffic
- Too much traffic! 10 min wait to get out of my driveways
- Should NOT go in Glen Allan – this area is completely residential and cannot handle the increase in traffic. Also pollution, crime will increase. Elementary school right next door
- Probably not enough parking for competitions
- The demographics of this area is primarily older adult. A swimming pool belongs in a “young” community – e.g. emerald hills. Let’s not replay “they paved paradise & put up a parking lot”...
- Consider parking on the other side (west). Congestion with extra traffic on residential streets

In favour of expanding other facilities

- No, we already have 2 good pools, maybe increase them instead
- Located close to existing aquatics centre – kinsmen
- No potential for integration of outdoor aquatics. Splash deck already at lollipop (?) park & kinsmen
- Millennium is already crowded enough

Misc

- Maybe competition swimming should use U of A.

Millennium Place option

In favour

- This is the best for expansion – it does not encroach on parkland
- Build the pool here & connect it with a walkway between them
- Attach it to hotel instead. Limited value here if any at all.
- New change rooms (family) a good idea as they need further improvement
- Yes, I like the plan since I use all the time (go for it!)
- Definitely the best location – does not tear out trees and encroach on parks

Parking

- Millennium Place already has excellent pool facilities. Increasing size won’t make it better, just more cars at one place.
- Definitely one of the best for parking - less impact on communities
- Parking is good and does not affect local residents

Fiscal responsibility

- Attach it to hotel instead. Limited value here if any at all.
- Only adds another 3 lanes – not enough lanes for the cost!

Green space

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MISC

- Leave as is!!
- Not walking distance for kids

KLC Option

In favour of KLC

- 2nd best to emerald hills (top choice). Leave GARC as is
- This option is already set up for an addition. This is where it should go
- This option would be good for the majority of residents that use pools in this area of Strathcona county
- Would be better ROI if more lanes/space were available in the addition. Like the location, but parking is already an issue at peak times.

In favour of expanding other facility

- Leave as is (maybe more parking stalls, parking a problem)
- Enough there already. Give this to the new areas

Parking

- Parking a huge problem!
- Parking & space a huge problem!
- Would be better ROI if more lanes/space were available in the addition. Like the location, but parking is already an issue at peak times.
- Pool design doesn't actually add much for lap swimming use. Would need to increase parking space as well especially in summer when farmer's market events are on.

Emerald Hills option

In favour

- This is an excellent choice as this reflects the future of Sherwood Park. A growth node of 60,000 people, an new high school – perfect spot with the fitness centre
- Show emerald hills with an Olympic style pool
- Put 50m pool here & extend into the municipal reserve – west.
- Close to hospital, more “commercial development”, major roadways
- Close to new residential areas & “customers”.
- New area, room to do it right!
- This area is the future
- Is this big enough for expansion 10 years down the road

- This area has the population base for a new pool
- A 50m pool needs to exist if this is to be built
- Lots of young families could use this facility – encourage families to stay in the area
- Demographics would support use
- Room to grow if planned right
- Good location and concept, but should have been integrated from the start with building plans. Could be building yourselves into a corner.

Fiscal concerns

- Where will the money come from to pay for this?

Traffic / safety

- This spot can handle the traffic that would come with this project
- Roadways are constructed for easy & safe access to major roadways & highways.

Misc

- What is this near?
- Hopefully partnership opportunity would not take away from time for greater community use

Ardrossan Option

Misc

- Too far away, catering to a small number of residents in the county.
- Better here than at GARC
- Local engineering?
- Land value impact