

Kamloops Future of Curling Update – Nov.28, 2023

Progress continues through meetings and discussions towards our new curling facility. The Build Kamloops groups have had their first meetings where ideas were tabled and taken away by city staff to compile and present back at the next round of meetings in January, 2024. Curlers are well represented on 3 of the 4 Build Kamloops committees and we have established contacts within the fourth committee.

We are continuing working towards an ideal location that will house a multi sport facility with adequate parking, public transport and other amenities like hotels and restaurants. While other sports that we would like included in the building are not in the Kamloops Master Plan, we hope that together with the Kamloops and Pacific Sports Councils we can convince the city to include them. We believe this would increase the participation in those sports as well as enhance the profitability of the new facility by increasing the volume of people using our services year-round.

Due to our work with local business leaders, ice makers, architects, developers, Curl BC and Curl Canada we are much further along in planning than other groups and hope to have design drawings completed in the next month for presentation to the Concept Committee in order to ensure we have direct input into the design and location of our facility.

We believe it is unlikely there will be a spring referendum given the committees have only met once, however, City Council is very committed to getting the planned work underway as quickly as possible.

Please feel free to ask us any questions or provide thoughts you may have, the more input we have now the better to develop the best possible Club for the future of curling in Kamloops.

Future of Curling Committee,

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