ONE YONGE STREET COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTRE

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETING 1: DRAFT SUMMARY

Wednesday, May 3 2017 / Pinnacle Centre / 18 Harbour Street, Toronto / 6:30pm - 8:30pm

PROJECT BACKGROUND

City of Toronto is undertaking the design of a new community centre to be located within the base of a mixed use high rise development. Part of Lower Yonge precinct, One Yonge Street will include 5 towers (22-95 stories), the Toronto Star building upgrade, 2860 residential units, office and retail space, and an approx. 51,000sf community centre. A future park is also proposed adjacent to the development. The community recreation centre will be implemented in the first phase of the proposed development. The preliminary program includes a gymnasium, swimming pool with change rooms, and spaces for activities, fitness, multipurpose use and social gathering.

OVERVIEW

On May 3 2017 the City of Toronto, Perkins+Will Architects and Pinnacle International held a public consultation meeting for the proposed One Yonge Street Community Recreation Centre. This was a first of two public engagement events aimed at receiving feedback from the community on their needs and aspirations for the future community centre.

Over 40 people were in attendance at the meeting. The group included local residents, including residents of Toronto Island. Additionally, staff from the City of Toronto, including Parks, Forestry and Recreation department, Perkins + Will Architects, Pinnacle International and Councillor Pam McConnell were also in attendance.

The purpose of this meeting was to:

- Introduce the project and provide background information
- Share the work done to date
- Understand community needs and issues
- Ask for input and ideas
- Share information on future public meetings and how to stay informed about the project
The draft meeting summary was prepared by Perkins + Will Architects and is subject to participant review prior to being finalized. Any comments and suggested edits to this draft can be sent to the attention of Phil Fenech at Perkins+Will:

phil.fenech@perkinswill.com

Six boards describing the project and programs were set up in the room. City staff, Perkins+Will and Pinnacle representatives circulated amongst the visitors engaging in dialogue about the project. At 7:30 a 20 min presentation was hosted by Phil Fenech and Paul Kulig of Perkins + Will. This presentation included comments from Howie Dayton - Director of Parks Forestry and Recreation and councillor Pam McConnell. At the conclusion of the presentation, the presenters from Perkins+Will, Pinnacle, the City and the Councillor responded to questions from the attendees. The presentation is attached to the end of this report.

DROP IN DISPLAYS

The boards on display asked the participants the following questions:

• What activities and experiences would you like to see at this community centre?
• Convey your community needs and issues
• Do you have any name suggestions?

Feedback was gathered through an interactive exercise and small group discussions at the “Idea Stations” facilitated by the members of the project team. The workshop included poster boards that illustrated initial ideas around possible experiences at the community centre, organized into the following themes: Activities+Multipurpose, Fitness and Wellness, Community Gathering, Gym and Sports, Aquatics. The participants were provided with plenty of stickers and asked to place them beside their favourite ideas on each of the Idea Boards. Participants were also encouraged to write in their own suggestions for experiences and activities that were not listed on the boards, by attaching post it notes with written suggestions to Other Ideas category of the boards.

Additional two boards were used to gather input on the potential community recreation centre name, and to identify which parts of the surrounding neighbourhoods the participants lived in, worked and played.

EMAIL SUMMARY

Several comments were also received by email, which are summarized below and also attached to this report.

+ Some residents would like to see an off-leash dog area in the park, and to consider a dog friendly community centre.
+ Concerns about overall lack of family & community programming in the area. Childrens after school programming at the community centre can include childrens sports, learning centre, library, math programs.
+ Childrens gymnastics programs are also needed, as there are none available in the city centre.
+ Would like more athletics and sports space.
+ Gyms and pools are already available in the surrounding buildings. The need in the community centre is for certified instructors for aquatics and gymnastics to support these facilities.
+ YMCA types of services and amenities
+ Bilingual services, programs and signs for Boreal college students
+ Accommodate multi-faith prayer, such as bookable multi-purpose room
+ Provide work-study and resting spaces for students
+ Useful feedback was also provided about accessibility and inclusivity of the public engagement event
IDEA STATIONS RESPONSES

The results were prepared by counting the number of post-it-notes adjacent to each of the activities on the Idea Boards. The favourite activities are listed below in order of preference. Other ideas suggested by the participants are also summarized on the following pages.

WHERE DO YOU LIVE, WORK, PLAY?

All of the people (5) identified the area within the 500m radius of the proposed community centre as their neighbourhood of residence; also all of the people identified this area as their place of work (2). Areas of “play” were distributed more loosely in the broader downtown area (9), with a concentration (4) in the area within 500m radius.

AQUATICS - 41 (26%)

1. Lap swimming / training (10)
2. Change areas / accessibility (8)
3. Family / leisure aquatic time (7)
4. Swim lessons (7)
5. Aquatic therapy (7)
6. Pool viewing (2)

Other Ideas
+ 50m pool (2)
+ 1m diving board (1)
+ Non removable seat in the showers, i.e folding wall mounted plastic seat (1)
+ Large transfer bar (1)
+ Accessible washrooms (1)
+ Ramp into the pool (1)
+ Outdoor pool (1)

ACTIVITIES & MULTIPURPOSE - 36 (23%)

1. Lectures / Speakers / Workshops (8)
2. Youth After School Programs (8)
3. Painting / Crafts / Woodwork (7)
4. Digital Media Space / Comic Con (6)
5. Kitchen / Nutrition (4)
6. Older Adults Social Clubs (3)

Other Ideas
+ Public Library (3)
+ Singing (also good for Alzheimer’s) (1)
+ Language courses, teaching kids (1)
+ Dance Classes, music concerts, movie nights, wine tasting (1)
+ Painting, crafts teachers (1)
+ Older adult exercise classes (1)
+ Senior centre, with classes in technology, fitness, safety, bridge (1)
+ Bilingual Services (1)
+ Hours and programs for people with disabilities (1)
+ LGBTQ programs and hours (1)
+ After school programs for children attending island public schools
+ Events for young professionals (1)
+ Meeting rooms with wifi/ video (1)
+ Screen projectors (1)
+ Place for “time” program (1)
+ Area to sit, with café / kitchenette

**FITNESS AND WELLNESS - 32 (21%)**

1. Dancing (9)
2. Climbing / Bouldering (7)
3. Yoga / Pilates / Stretching (6)
4. Older Adult Exercises (6)
5. Kids Ballet / Classes (4)
6. Pre Birth Classes (0)

**Other Ideas**
+ Library (2)
+ Pool with aqua exercises (2)
+ Sauna (1)
+ Adults classes / ballet (1)
+ Fitness classes (1)
+ Parkour facilities, training, classes (1)
+ Tai Chi (1)
+ Art classes (1)
+ Sustainability demonstrations (green living, workshops) (1)
+ Childcare (1)
+ Yoga for new moms with kids (1)
+ Meditation (also for kids) (1)
+ Children’s gymnastics (1)
+ Stationary bike (1)
+ Racquet courts (1)
+ Badminton (1)
+ Walking track (1)
+ Elderly activities (1)
+ Wheelchair activities (1)
+ Wifi, workstations (1)
GYM & SPORTS - 26 (17%)
1. Large Group Fitness (7)
2. Basketball (7)
3. Kids Gymboree (5)
4. Pickleball / Badminton (3)
5. Boot Camp (2)
6. Volleyball (2)
Other Ideas
+ Badminton (3)
+ Tennis (1)
+ Indoor running track (1)
+ Indoor recreational skating rink (1)
+ Private changerooms – gender neutral, single stall, with toilets and showers, accessible (1)
+ Gym with heavy equipment for lifting (1)

COMMUNITY GATHERING - 21 (13%)
1. Casual Lounging (6)
2. Meeting / Connecting (5)
3. Cultural Appreciation (4)
4. Outreach Services (4)
5. Informal Play (2)
6. Family Gathering (0)
Other Ideas
+ Bigger dance studio – Regent Park is much too small for demand (1)
+ Kids helping adults
+ Quiet lounge areas with no children
+ Stage, runway platform (1)
+ After school programs for children (1)
+ Public computers (1)
+ Rock climbing wall in lobby (1)
+ Living green wall in lobby (1)

SUGGEST A NAME
+ Jack Layton Community Centre (2)
+ Harbour Green (both park and community centre) (1)
+ Lord Simcoe Community Centre (1)
+ Name it in relation to the park, i.e Harbour Park and Harbour Centre (1)
+ South Core Community Centre (1)
# RESULTS SUMMARY

The following list presents a ranking of the activities based on the number of responses received. The most preferred activities receiving the highest number of responses are located at the top, while the least desired activities, receiving the lowest number of responses are located at the bottom of the list.

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Additionally, the list below summarizes the “Other Ideas” suggested by the participants. Since most of the suggestions were unique, the results are grouped into categories to qualitatively assess the broader public needs and desires for activities at this community centre. Below, in order of popularity, from highest to lowest are listed ideas which have received more than 1 request.

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| 5       | Art & Craft Workshops  
Children/Youth After School Programs, Childcare |
| 4       | Aquatics Accessibility  
Badminton  
LGBTQ & Inclusivity Considerations  
Public Computers & Wi-fi  
Library / Book club |
| 3       | Older Adult Activities & Services  
Aquatics Classes & Equipment  
Work, Study & Meeting Spaces |
| 2       | Lounge / Rest Areas |
PROGRAM CONSIDERATIONS

The first public consultation for the One Yonge Community Recreation Centre has received considerable participation and interest from the residents of the surrounding neighbourhoods, including people living at the Toronto Island. The summary below incorporates feedback from the workshop exercise, discussions during the consultation and emails received by the project team.

There was a strong desire expressed for group fitness and active recreation, workshops and classes, including dancing, rock climbing, art and craft, basketball and swimming. Opportunities for social gatherings and activities for groups of all ages were communicated to the team. Several people mentioned lack of a library in this area, as well as lack of after school programs and activities for kids, which is particularly felt by the Toronto Island community.

Participants noted that they would like for this facility to provide experiences and facilities that were different from private recreational facilities typically offered in surrounding condominiums, where most people from this area reside.

Additionally, a discussion of the location of centre access reflected varying opinions on whether the entrance should be located from the east, closer to the park, or west, closer to the Union station.

Recurring requests in “other ideas” included library, pool, group classes and workshops for all ages, recreational sports, after school childrens programs, meeting spaces with wifi, public computers, quiet lounge / relaxation areas, accessibility and diversity.

The chart on the following page demostrates the possible program considerations for the City to consider. These programs considerations were based on a qualitative review of the input from the participants.
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|                   | Badminton  
|                   | Pickleball  
|                   | Basketball  
|                   | Childrens  
|                   | Gymnastics  
|                   | Change areas accessibility | DOUBLE GYM | 725 | Accomodated in core program |
|                   | Lap Swimming  
|                   | Family Leisure Aquatics  
|                   | Swim Lessons  
|                   | Aquatic Therapy  
|                   | Aquatics Accessibility | 25M 6 LANE POOL + DECK | 705 | Accomodated in core program |
| **AQUATICS**      | Dancing  
|                   | Yoga / Pilates / Stretching  
|                   | Large Group Fitness  
|                   | Older Adult Exercises  
|                   | Kids Ballet Classes  
|                   | Boulder Wall / Climbing  
|                   | Informal Play  
|                   | Youth After School  
|                   | Daytime Activities  
|                   | Kids Gymboree  
|                   | Childrens After school Daytime Activities | DANCE STUDIO | 135 | 20 occupants |
|                   | Digital Media Space  
|                   | Workshops  
|                   | Children/ Youth After School  
|                   | Public Computers / Wifi  
|                   | Lectures / Speakers / Workshops  
|                   | Painting / Crafts / Woodwork  
|                   | Meeting / Connecting  
|                   | Outreach services  
|                   | Kitchen / Nutrition  
|                   | LGBTQ / Cultural Appreciation / Accessibility | AR1 CLIMBING / BOULDERING | 60-100 | |
|                   | 20 occupants | |
|                   | AR2 PROGRAM / YOUTH AFTERSCHOOL | 200-40 persons |
|                   | AR3 PROGRAM / CHILDRENS AFTERSCHOOL | |
| **ACTIVITIES & MULTIPURPOSE** | Digital Media Space  
|                   | Workshops  
|                   | Children/ Youth After School  
|                   | Public Computers / Wifi  
|                   | Lectures / Speakers / Workshops  
|                   | Painting / Crafts / Woodwork  
|                   | Meeting / Connecting  
|                   | Outreach services  
|                   | Kitchen / Nutrition  
|                   | LGBTQ / Cultural Appreciation / Accessibility | AR4 DIGITAL LEARNING | 60 | occupant range |
|                   | MULTIPURPOSE + STORAGE | |
|                   | 200-40 persons |
| **COMMUNITY GATHERING** | Work, Study and Meeting spaces  
|                   | Informal Lounging  
|                   | Cafe  
|                   | Older Adult Social Clubs  
|                   | Older Adult Activities  
|                   | Pool Viewing  
|                   | Quiet Lounge / Rest Areas | LOUNGE 1 GROUP MEETING + CAFE (KITCHEN) | 150 + 55 | avg of 25-30 sq.m spaces distributed through public areas |
|                   | Casual Lounging  
|                   | Meeting / Connecting  
|                   | Cafe  
|                   | Green Wall  
|                   | Receiving / Janitor / Maintenance | LOUNGE 2 OLDER ADULT | 150 | |
|                   | LOUNGE 3 QUIET LOUNGE | 25 | |
|                   | LOBBY | 300 | |
|                   | STAFF LOUNGE | 35 | |
|                   | OFFICES | 50 | |
|                   | SUPPORT | 65 | |
**PLANNING IMPACT**

- The program considerations reveal the need to increase or maximize the community gathering, activities & multiuse spaces.
- The core program areas of aquatics, gym and sports may need some modification to respond to community input.
- The demand for social / group exercise and dance will influence program distribution and design.
- Careful consideration will be needed to integrate social and active uses within the public spaces of the facility at both ground and second levels.
- An engaging program activity and use of the entry lobby space and stair should be considered to demonstrate the city understands the unique needs of this community.
- Good connectivity and distribution of the public social spaces will be key to responding to community requests for gathering and meeting spaces.

**PROGRAM CONSIDERATIONS:**

+ Social clubs youth / senior
+ Afterschool
+ Workshops / crafts
+ Nutrition / cooking
+ Culture / LGBTQ activities

**POSSIBLE LOCATION FOR:**

+ Afterschool activities
+ Bouldering / Climbing
+ Informal lounging
+ Outreach programs
+ Green wall

**CONSIDER:**

+ Group fitness
+ Dance / ballet
+ Work study / gather
+ Lounge
+ Viewing
+ Meeting
One Yonge Street Community Recreation Centre

Where Will It Be?

One Yonge Street Community Recreation Centre will be located at the south east corner of Harbour St and Freeland St., and will extend over most of the 2nd floor of the building. The total size of the centre will be ~51,000 sqft.

Source: Google Earth 2016
One Yonge Street Community Recreation Centre

Where Do You Work/Live/Play?

Place a dot to let us know where you live, work, play.

Comments? Use a sticky note!

Source: TOcore Community Services & Facilities Study, phase one
One Yonge Street Community Recreation Centre

Suggest a Name

What are your ideas for the future name of the Community Recreation Centre?

- Jack Layton Community Centre
- South Core Community Centre
- "Harbour, Green & Urban Park at Community Centre"
- #1 Jack Layton & #2 Leave Space
One Yonge Street Community Recreation Centre

Activities+Multi-Purpose

Place a dot beside your favourite idea

Lectures/Speakers/Workshops

Kitchen/Nutrition

Painting/Crafts/Woodwork

Older Adult Social Clubs

Digital Media Space/Comic Con

Any other ideas?

- Hours & programs for people with disabilities
- LGBTQ+ programs & hours
- TPL
- Library is needed for SRC

Youth After School Programs

 Older Adult Exercise Classes

Place for meetings with TV/video

Seniors Centre

Sewing classes

Technology

Fitness

Bridge

Dance

Music

Monarchs

House music

Dance Studio

Library needed for SRC

Book Club

Library

Kithcenette

Perkins+Will
One Yonge Street Community Recreation Centre

Fitness + Wellness

Place a dot beside your favourite idea

Pre-birth Class

Yoga/Pilates/Stretcheshing

Climbing/Bouldering

Older Adult Exercises

Kids Ballet/Classes

Dancing

Meditation

Also for kids

Any other ideas?

Pool?

Outdoors

Aquatic Exercise

Swimming Lessons

Sunbathing/General Workshops

Badminton, Fitness Class

Walking Track

Children

Tai Chi

Badminton

Fitness Class

No.reply to this area

Pinnacle International

Perkins + Will
One Yonge Street Community Recreation Centre

Community Gathering

Place a dot beside your favourite idea

Casual Lounging

Cultural Appreciation

Meeting/Connecting

Outreach Services

Family Gathering

Informal Play

Any other ideas?
One Yonge Street Community Recreation Centre

Aquatics

Place a dot beside your favourite idea

Pool Viewing

Family/Leisure Aquatic Time

Swim Lessons

Lap Swimming/Training

Change Areas/Accessibility

Any other ideas?

Aquatic Therapy

Any other ideas?

outdoor pool

Pinnacle International

Perkins+Will
One Yonge Street Community Recreation Centre

Gymnasium + Sports

Place a dot beside your favourite idea

Large Group Fitness

Basketball

Boot camp

Volleyball

Pickleball/Badminton

Any other ideas?

Teen

Junior Running Track

Perimeter of Community Centre

Indoor Skating Rink

Pinnacles + Will
APPENDIX B: EMAIL RESPONSES
Good Morning Phil,
I am forwarding you input of a resident.
Regards,
Suzanne

-----Original Message-----
From: Bokhari, Annum [mailto:annumbokhari@kpmg.ca]
Sent: May-03-17 8:05 PM
To: Suzanne Cooke-Wooland <Suzanne.Cooke-Wooland@toronto.ca>
Subject: 18 Harbour - pinnacle feedback

Hello there,
As a resident of 18 Harbour street my family and I would be most interested in having a portion of the park turned into an off leash dog park. The closest one to us is almost an hours walk from here and there are a LOT of dogs that live in this neighbourhood!
We would also love to have a dog friendly community centre like purina paws ways does.
We would also love afterschool programming for young kids.

Thank you!

Sent from my iPhone

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Hi Phil…f.y.i…Suzanne

From: Hussain B. [mailto:hussaibi@gmail.com]
Sent: May-04-17 12:40 PM
To: Suzanne Cooke-Wooland <Suzanne.Cooke-Wooland@toronto.ca>
Subject: 18 Harbour public information meeting comments

Hello Ms. Cooke-Wooland,

This email is regarding the Lower Younge new Community Center. I'm sending my comments by email in regards to the consultation drop-in meeting.

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Amenities:

I think the amenities that would best serve the community could be described as YMCA + Toronto Public library. However, there is already a Toronto Public library close by (St. Lawrence). There is also a YMCA close by (John Street). Additionally, all the nearby buildings already have Aquatics and Gymnastics.

I think the best compromise would be to have most amenities present in the Toronto Reference Library except those already in the St. Lawrence Toronto Public Library. (i.e. Maker space, digitization, digital archives)

Additionally, the main issue I've observed in the Aquatics and Gymnastics in the surrounding buildings is that personal trainers must be 'declared' and insured. Since all the gymnastics and aquatics are pretty much the same in the surrounding buildings, the real need is for instructors and personal trainers that can be trusted as 'declared' and insured by all buildings. I think just allowing some sort of community trainer's network to develop would be enough. If this network could be a part of a nearby YMCA, then I believe this would be sufficient.

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Programs / Services:

There are two colleges in the vicinity, George Brown College, and Boreal College (in the Toronto Star building). Boreal College is an Ontario french college. More importantly, they are focused on providing services to Northern Ontario. They are essentially a route for northern Quebec residents to learn in french their trade or vocation, while also learning ESL, while also providing the ability to acquire work placement in the GTA.

Bilingual services, programs, and signs would likely be the most important aspect of the area for the Boreal College students.
Note as an aside: The college themselves is having trouble with advertising that they also provide FSL courses. One of the things I noticed when working in rural Quebec: Quebec Government FSL subsidized classes required a minimum 20 students to be funded. In Ontario, the minimum is 4. I tried both. Both got canceled on me due to too few enrollments. I think that what most people don't realize is that the existence of FSL programs is almost entirely dependent on the demand generated by K-12 students. I think to provide Boreal College a way to do outreach to the community's K-12 demographic would strengthen our communities connection with french and our neighbors from Quebec. It would also provide us with more accessible services.

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Features:

I would like to see a designated multi-faith prayer area. Many faiths include prostration, meditation, or dance in their daily prayers (i.e. Islam, Judaism, Catholicism, Sikhism, Bahai, Hinduism, etc.). Not all of them have prayer areas. A simple empty room that can be booked for 30 minutes to an hour would meet the needs of almost all faiths. Additionally, when not being used for prayer, the same empty room could double as a dance area for groups to practice (this is the type of arrangement seen in the University of Toronto's St.George campus).

I would also like to see a rest area. When I was at the university of Toronto as a student, one of my colleagues was from the Toronto Island Community. Many times we would have to pull late nights studying or doing assignments. But this was only an option for him if someone from the study group was willing to give him a place to stay or rest. What he really needed was a place to lie down and a safe place to put his belongings. Obviously, this is a bit of a stretch to ask of a building property management group. But perhaps a few guest rooms designated for students of the Island at a significantly lower price might be more reasonable.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide my comments and input.

Regards,
Bilal Hussain
18-Harbour Street
…another request…Suzanne

From: Becky Perry [mailto:beckypperry@hotmail.com]
Sent: May-04-17 8:58 AM
To: Suzanne Cooke-Wooland <Suzanne.Cooke-Wooland@toronto.ca>
Cc: Barbara Carou <Barbara.Carou@toronto.ca>
Subject: Re: New Community Centre at Lower Yonge - many families will use that space

Hi Suzanne,

Thank you very much for your reply and feedback. I forgot to mention that the kids would really appreciate a gymnastics program, there are none in the city centre. And it’s the base for every sport, to help kids run faster and be stronger.

Thank you,
Becky

From: Suzanne Cooke-Wooland <Suzanne.Cooke-Wooland@toronto.ca>
Sent: May 4, 2017 8:29 AM
To: 'Becky Perry'
Cc: Barbara Carou
Subject: RE: New Community Centre at Lower Yonge - many families will use that space

Thank you for your input Becky. It is very much appreciated. I will pass along your comments to the Architect who has been retained to design the centre.
Regards,
Suzanne

From: Becky Perry [mailto:beckypperry@hotmail.com]
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I cannot attend the meeting tonight as I will be working late. Please contact me for feedback and ideas. There are Family Committees in several of the condos.

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Hello,

Chris attended the community consultation event last night. He uses a powered wheelchair. Here are his comments in regards to the accessibility last night:

- Overall impression of venue – accessibility not well addressed
- Washroom – no washroom facility available
- Easels – tripping hazard (he knocked 1 board over, which was embarrassing for him)
- Flyer – event location - instructions not clear
- Meeting Room Door – was held open by a floor stop, which prevented him from leaving the room

Recommendation
Engage Lorene Bodiam labodiam@toronto.ca for B/F design review.

Regards,

Suzanne
APPENDIX C: PRESENTATION
Welcome

We would like to hear your ideas about the One Yonge Street Community Recreation Centre.
Introductions

City of Toronto
Howie Dayton
Barbara Carou
Aydin Sarrafzadeh
Susan Bartleman
Suzanne Cooke-Wooland
Tino DeCastro
Pat McNaughton
Laurel Christie

Perkins +Will
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Great Changes ahead

The residential and mixed use development at One Yonge Street provides an opportunity for the City to expand parks and recreation services to the community.
Today

We would like to start a conversation with you.

1. Provide you with background information
2. Share the work done to date
3. Understand community needs and issues
4. Ask for your input and ideas
5. How you can be kept informed and next steps
What this is about

It’s about ‘livability’ ..... by finding the right programming and activities for your community at this location.
Current Services

The TOcore Study documented that there is definitely a need for community services in this area to ensure a high standard of livability.
The Context

One Yonge Street

- Within the Lower Yonge Precinct, a mixed-use community with 28,000 new residents and jobs
- Full development of two parcels of land over many phases
  Harbour St. Extension
- The Community Recreation Centre will be in the first phase
- A future park is also planned
Coming Soon

The One Yonge Street project:

• 5 towers (in phases)
• Toronto Star Building upgrade
• 22 to 95 storeys
• 2,864 residential units
• office and retail space
• 51,000 sf of community space
The Context
Our preliminary thoughts

A project team from the City and consultants met to explore the opportunity for a new community centre in this development.

We referred back to guiding principles and core programs.
Guiding principles

‘The One Yonge Community Recreation Centre will be a centre of the community providing innovative programs, spaces and services. A place where the neighbourhood comes together.’
What we have so far

~51,000 sf within base of mixed-use building
Gymnasium
Swimming Pool
Change Rooms

Plus spaces for activities, fitness, multipurpose use and social gathering.
Second Floor

Key plan
Help us make this yours

• What activities and experiences would you like to see at this centre?
• Convey your community needs and issues
• Do you have any name suggestions?
Meet us at the Idea Stations

Gymnasium + Sports
Aquatics
Fitness + Wellness
Park

Community Gathering
Activities + Multi-Purpose
Other Ideas!
Next Steps with you

Second round of public consultation in the Fall of 2017
Questions?
Thank you

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