

St. Mary's Recplex Enhancement Project

Background

In 2015, the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's received a donation of \$100,000 from the Roy Steed Trust for the St. Mary's Recplex. Mr. Steed visited our area many times and had an appreciation for the rink. He donated \$25,000 to the construction of the facility as well.

As a part of the Municipality's Strategic Planning process, a public campaign was started surrounding a portion of this funding. The Municipality wanted to collect information from the public on what should be done to best utilize the funding. After hearing from residents, an Enhancement Project was born. Members of the public were asked what they would do given the opportunity to spend \$10,000 at the Recplex. The winning category was Enhancements for Community Event Hosting. Some of the suggestions were improvements to support hosting regular farmers markets, improvements to seating and warm rooms and improvements to sound quality.

The following is a list of specific projects that have been outlined based on public feedback.

Enhancement Projects

1. Enable public access to kitchen facility.
 - Work with SHOPS to secure inventory so that renters of the facility can utilize sink and counter space.
2. Purchase new tables and chairs for hosting community events
 - Replace aging tables and chairs with lightweight plastic tables and chairs.
3. Paint walls in Recplex to match
 - Improve interior eye appeal.
4. Purchase garbage and recycling bins
 - improve garbage/recycling collection and sorting.
5. Create program room for event hosting
 - Transform office space into event program room. Improve eye appeal and ensure that room is equipped with essentials needed for hosting an event (tournaments, parties etc.)
6. Explore options for improving sound quality in rink
 - Get professional opinions on ways to improve sound quality in the rink for playing music and making announcements during events and programs.
7. Warm room improvements
 - Make warm room area more family friendly and multi-use. Have area for children to spend time while at the rink. Explore options to add more space to warm room.
8. Remove unneeded items in Recplex
 - Remove unused bleachers, old pop machines and unused furniture
9. Improve walking track
 - Explore ways to improve walking track and make available to the public (safety and usability being the priority)
10. Improve facility signage
 - Includes wayfinding signage for Recplex, internal signage and sign located on Main Street.