Mount Pearl Awards Contract for New Community Centre

Approved concept drawing of the new Mount pearl Community Centre

June 5,2024 – (Mount Pearl, NL) At last night's Public Council meeting, the City of Mount Pearl awarded a $15,547,218 (plus HST) contract to JMJ Holdings Ltd. to design and build a new state-of-the-art community centre at the Team Gushue Sports Complex.

KPMG Ltd. conducted a feasibility study after the need for a new community hub was identified in the City's 2019 Recreation Master Plan. The study suggested a new facility was necessary to replace the aging Park Place Community Centre, citing accessibility and parking issues as some of the reasons it no longer meets the requirements of Mount Pearl residents.

In contrast, this new facility can be taken advantage of year-round, with a splash pad that transforms into an outdoor ice-skating rink during the winter. Spanning 24,500 square feet, the building will include a multi-purpose space equipped with a stage and retractable bleachers. This area is designed to accommodate a wide range of events, from local theatre productions to corporate meetings, banquet functions, and other programming opportunities, with a seating capacity of 500 and standing room for approximately 1000.

Mayor Dave Aker expressed the Council's vision, stating, "This represents a milestone in the progress of our strategic plan with a goal to create a multi-purpose gathering place for inclusive community programming. This community center will benefit residents of all ages. We are confident it will provide seniors with increased opportunities to socialize and connect with younger generations when compared with the Park Place facility, which in turn will strengthen community bonds."

Construction is expected to be complete in early 2026. Funding for the centre will be sourced from a combination of city funded and cost shared funding programs.

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