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Barrhaven Community & Cultural Centre

Background:

Over the past two years, a detailed "Vision Statement Document" for a proposed **Barrhaven Community and Cultural Centre** has been completed. To facilitate advancing this project, a Steering Committee has been formed, headed by: Phil Denyes, Chairman, and Donald Winchester, Senior Advisor.

The strategy since then has been to present the "Vision Statement Document" to: representatives of Barrhaven citizens at all three levels of government; City Development Review; and developers. The purpose was to receive their feedback to get a consensus that the "Vision Statement" for this ambitious project had the proper components. The "Vision Statement" was then refined to reflect this input.

In conjunction with the "Vision Statement," a review of possible sites for the project was investigated. Through consultation with city officials, it was determined that the "Barrhaven Town Centre" would be the most ideal and easiest for all citizens to reach.

The location takes into account direction we received from the City of Ottawa with respect to being close to a major transit hub and shopping, and has been thoroughly reviewed and supported by the City's Development Review Manager & Parks staff.

The following people/organizations reviewed the "Vision Statement" and provided feedback on the overall content and direction.

MP Chandra Ayra
Infrastructure Canada
Veterans Affairs Canada
Hon. Lisa Macleod, MPP Nepean
Ward 3 Councillor - Jan Harder
Ward 22 former Councillor – Michael Qaqish
Mr. Don Herweyer- Manager, Ottawa Development Review
Mr. Dan Chenier – General Manager, Recreation Cultural & Facility Services
Mr. Kevin Wherry – Manager Parks and Facilities Planning
Barrhaven Seniors' Council Charity
Perkins + Will, Architects

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Project Summary:

- 35 million dollar campus – 40 % Federal *; 33.3% + Provincial *; balance local
- 3-P strategy;
- building 50,000 to 60,000 square feet;
- 3.5 acres of land;
- outside animation on the site with amphitheatre and gardens;
- easy access to public transit
- the site would be the "hub" for Barrhaven activities/events

Unique Features:

- - a 500 to 550 seat Theatre (the “anchor” for the Cultural and Community Centre);
- - Reception/Lounge area;
- - Dining Room;
- - Cafe/restaurant/catering facilities;
- - Music Rehearsal Studio;
- - Dance/group exercise studios;

Complementary Community Components:

- - a Sports Court (ie; basketball; badminton; table tennis; etc.)
- - Fitness Rooms;
- - Multi-purpose rooms;
- - Craft & Hobby Rooms.
- - Computer area;
- - Games room;
- - Changing and locker rooms;
- - Snack and Juice Bar.

The theatre will serve as the “anchor” for the Cultural and Community Centre. All demographics in Barrhaven will benefit from using the facility: theatre and musical performances; corporate events and weddings; school plays and musicals; and multi-cultural organizations. The Barrhaven Seniors’ Centre and other community groups are housed throughout the week and on weekends, fulfilling a desire to hold significant events “in the community.”

The Hub of the Community

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Next Step: Business Plan Financing