



News Release

Town of Edson and Yellowhead County Approve Final Design for YCE Multiplex

Construction set to begin on new recreation facility in Summer 2024, including an arena, swimming pool, a curling rink, a gymnasium and more.

A joint initiative between the Town of Edson and Yellowhead County is one step closer to becoming a regional staple, with schematic designs for the YCE Multiplex officially approved. With the innovative design given the thumbs-up, a four-phase construction plan is in the books and work is ready to begin this summer.

The initial phase of construction focuses on the continued use of the existing Edson and District Leisure Centre – a unique step advocated by both municipalities. Public parking and building access will be planned and managed during construction, working around existing amenities and various project activities. This will ensure residents' have access to recreational opportunities throughout the entire project.

"Edson Town Council is excited to get to this stage of the project. We are no longer talking about it; we're actually doing it. This investment will make our region more desirable for those looking to move here, and will enhance the wellness of existing residents with expanded recreation opportunities. We thank Yellowhead County for being at the table as an equal partner in this regional facility."

Mayor Kevin Zahara, Town of Edson

Phase 2 of the project will include the construction of a new ice arena and an aquatics area, including lane and leisure swimming, scheduled for completion in Spring 2026.

Phase 3 will incorporate the construction of a new lobby and a gymnasium that includes an elevated walking track and Phase 4 will see renovations to the current Centennial Arena and the conversion of the Memorial Arena to a new curling facility.

The project is expected to be completed by Summer 2027.

"The new YCE Multiplex will be a fantastic space for year-round indoor recreation for residents of all ages, from young families to seniors and every age in between. The upgrades and new amenities will be well-used, and it will be a facility that we can take pride in. We're happy we can give new life to this well-utilized centre in our community and the results show the benefit of being able to work in partnership with the Town of Edson towards this common goal. It will be a welcome addition for our residents and a draw to anyone moving to our region, now and for years to come."

Mayor Wade Williams, Yellowhead County

This new, modern facility is expected to be a major benefit to the community and to the region. It will provide increased recreational space and enhance the quality of life for Town and County residents while serving as a central hub for community gatherings, sports activities, cultural events, and more.

The new YCE Multiplex is estimated to cost \$80.2 million, including \$20 million provided through the federal *Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program* grant. The remaining funds will be shared evenly between the Town and County, in what is truly a unique partnership developed for the betterment of the entire region.

The Town of Edson and Yellowhead County look forward to the continued support and enthusiasm of residents as they witness the transformation of this landmark project.

More information is available by visiting www.edson.ca/YCE.

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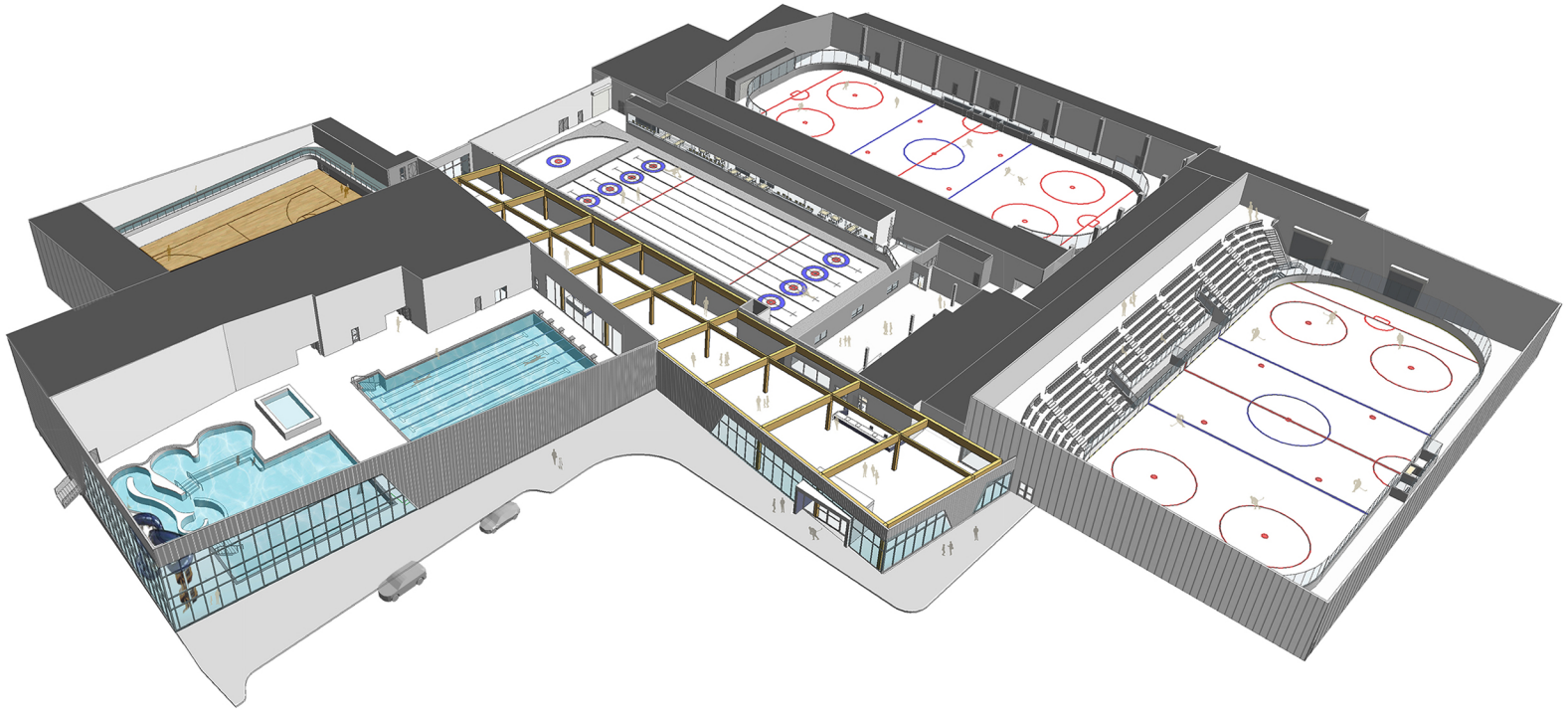
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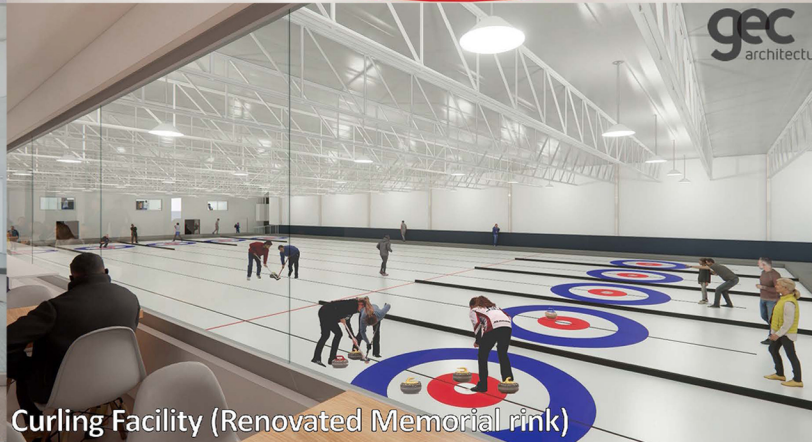
New Entrance Lobby



New Arena



New Natatorium (Pool)



Curling Facility (Renovated Memorial rink)