

Proposed Community Center

Rationale for Not Building Indoor Pool

Some people have asked why the proposed Community Center doesn't include a pool. After all, who wouldn't want a pool right? Well the committee has worked hard on this question over the last three years and here's some information to go along with the discussions.

A six-lane, 25-meter lap pool would require approximately 11,000 SF additional space in the building (the current proposed building is 19,000 SF). The anticipated additional construction costs for that added space is approximately \$4.25M on top of the current \$6.6M project, increasing the budget to almost \$11M.

Furthermore, the long-term expense is the operational costs associated with a pool including staff, chemicals, cleaning, shower rooms, de-humidification, pool water heating, and pool equipment ventilation. The annual costs of running the pool would range from \$145K to \$240K per year.

Ultimately the committee felt the costs are too significant for our community to justify. Additionally, there several pools in the area including Claremont, New London, and White River Junction.

Hopefully this helps answer some of the questions about why we're not proposing a pool in the new facility.