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## **MNP Community & Sport Centre Unveils LEAP: A \$87.5 Million Leisure Expansion Aquatic Project**

*Calgary, AB [September 4, 2024]* – The MNP Community & Sport Centre is thrilled to announce the launch of the Leisure Expansion Aquatic Project (LEAP), a transformative initiative aimed at enhancing community health and connectivity. This ambitious project, representing a total investment of \$87.5 million, is made possible through the generous contributions of The City of Calgary (\$57.5 million), the Province of Alberta (\$20 million), and Calgary's corporate community and individual donors (\$10 million\*).

“The MNP Community and Sport Centre expansion is an exciting and much needed amenity for both inner city communities, and the City at large. To see this facility grow to accommodate, serve, and inspire high performance sports alongside more community focused recreation and play is a welcome sight for communities itching for more accessible family fun. This facility has always been a beacon for sport and play in our City, I look forward to MNP Community and Sport Centre inviting more Calgarians to enjoy it.” Courtney Wolcott, City Councillor. LEAP is not just about expanding our facilities; it is about investing in the well-being and future of our community. This project underscores our commitment to providing inclusive, state-of-the-art recreational spaces that encourage healthy lifestyles and foster social connections.

### **What LEAP Includes**

The LEAP project will see a significant expansion to the west and south areas of the Centre, offering a variety of exciting new features designed with fun and community in mind:

- **West Addition:**
  - A state-of-the-art lazy river
  - Hot tub
  - Water slides
  - Wading pool and play structure
  - A dedicated viewing area for parents
  
- **South Addition:**
  - A redefined main entrance leading into a vibrant community hub
  - Enhanced gathering spaces for social interaction
  - An array of food & beverage outlets
  - Universal locker rooms to ensure an inclusive and welcoming environment for everyone

In addition to these new amenities, the project will include substantial upgrades to existing facilities, such as enhanced locker rooms, improved bleacher seating, and renovations to the competition pool, dive tank, and teach pool.

"Sport and recreation facilities are the heart of communities across Alberta. For decades, the MNP Community & Sport Centre has served as a training ground for athletic excellence. Our investment of \$20 million is a commitment to not only investing in sport infrastructure, but to nurturing the dreams of athletes, and encouraging all Albertans to be active at all levels of ability." Joseph Schow, Minister of Tourism and Sport

### **Construction Timeline and Community Impact**

Construction for LEAP is slated to begin Fall -2024, with an expected duration of 30 months. The project will be managed by a dedicated team comprising The City of Calgary, M3 Development Management, GEC Architecture, Bird Construction, and a network of specialized subconsultants and subtrades. Throughout the phased construction, the Centre will strive to maintain its current programs and services, minimizing disruption to the community.

We are committed to keeping the public informed throughout the construction process via regular updates through newsletters, social media, and a dedicated section on our website.

### **Support LEAP**

As part of this initiative, we are launching a fund development campaign to raise \$10 million from Calgary's corporate and individual donors. Your support will be crucial in helping us bring this vision to life and ensuring a healthier, more connected community for all.

*\*Please join us September 11, 2024 at 11:30am at MNP Sport Centre for the Groundbreaking and unveiling of designs.*

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\*Note: \$10 million to be raised through a fund development campaign

