

MPCA Survey Results

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The attached report provides a summary of public attitudes on the Mount Pleasant Community Association (MPCA) community centre. The survey was available online and in hard copy from May 15 to September 30, 2019. A total of 265 community members completed the survey. Respondents were recruited primarily through “The Pulse,” MPCA’s official monthly newsletter. As is common in voluntary surveys of this type, readers should be cautious in generalizing the survey results to community residents as a whole; compared to Mount Pleasant residents, survey respondents were disproportionately likely to be women (56% in survey, 49% in community), homeowners (96% in survey, 66% in population), and more likely to have children living at home (66% in survey, 45% in population). Even so, the survey results provide a rich and valuable summary of the views of a large and engaged group of Mount Pleasant residents.

A strong majority (60%) of respondents support building a new community centre to replace the existing structure. A smaller proportion of respondents (45%) support renovating or adding to the existing community hall. Only a small minority of respondents oppose building a new community centre (22%), with the remaining respondents choosing “don’t know”. A larger proportion of respondents are opposed to renovating the existing community hall (32%). Among survey respondents, then, opinion is clearly supportive of the “new build” option and more divided on the “renovation” option.

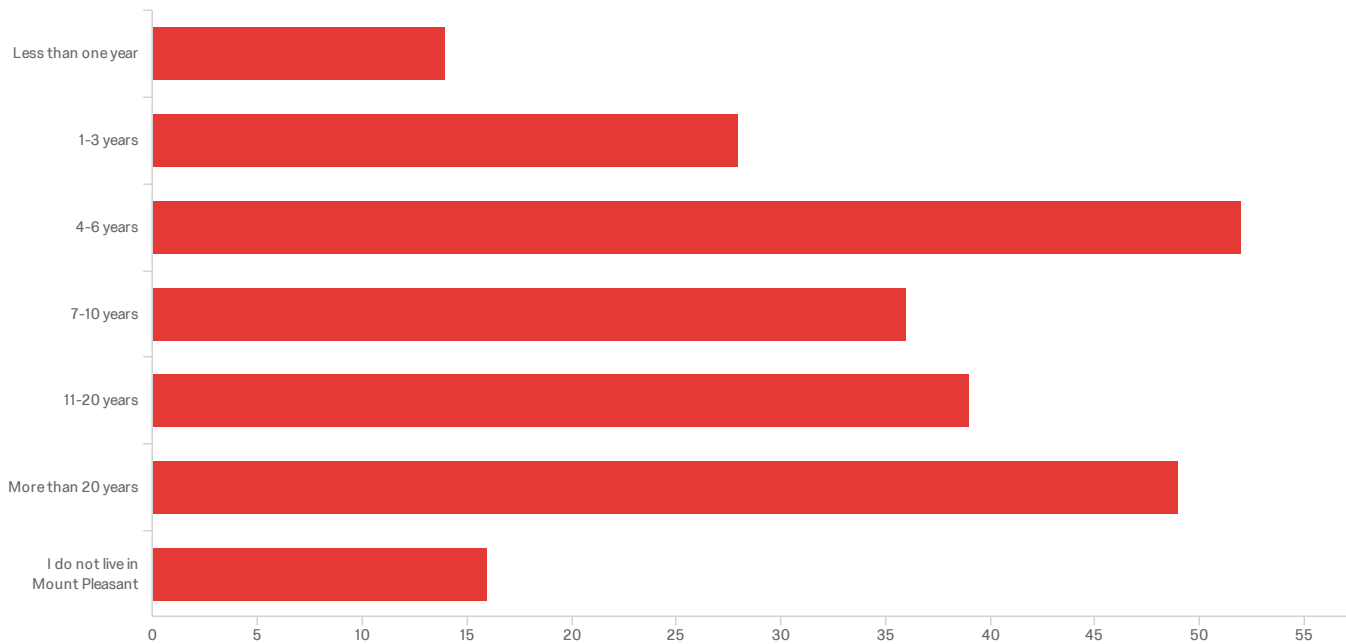
Please note that graphs in the attached file do not include respondents who selected “don’t know” on any questions. The proportions reported in the paragraph above *do* include “don’t know” responses. Please contact Jack Lucas (jacklucas@gmail.com) for the full dataset.

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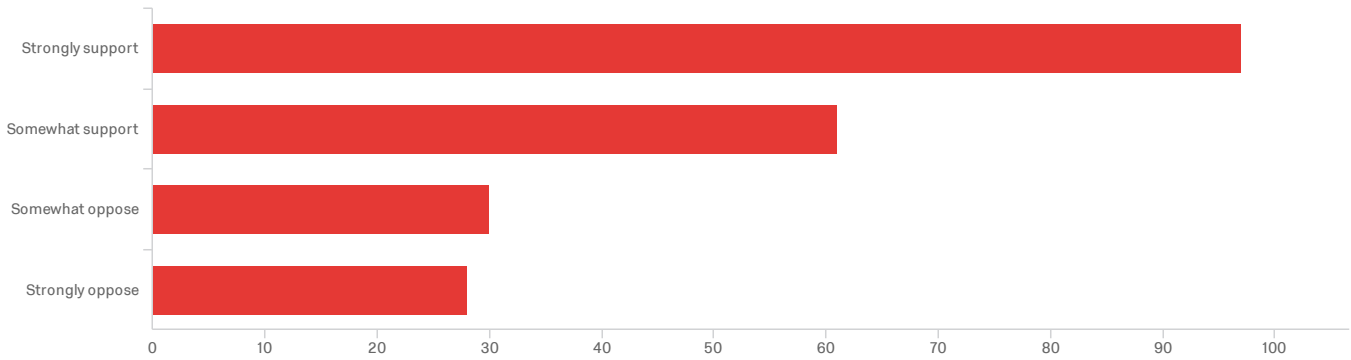
Q4 - How long have you lived in Mount Pleasant?



#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	How long have you lived in Mount Pleasant?	1.00	7.00	4.15	1.68	2.84	234

#	Field	Choice Count
1	Less than one year	5.98% 14
2	1-3 years	11.97% 28
3	4-6 years	22.22% 52
4	7-10 years	15.38% 36
5	11-20 years	16.67% 39
6	More than 20 years	20.94% 49
7	I do not live in Mount Pleasant	6.84% 16
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Q5 - Do you support or oppose building a new community centre to replace the existing structure?



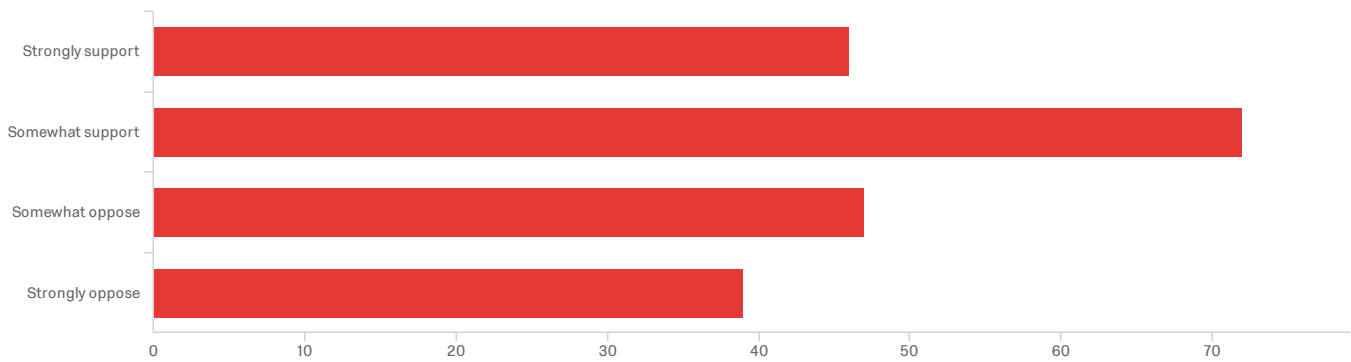
#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Do you support or oppose building a new community centre to replace the existing structure?	1.00	4.00	1.95	1.05	1.10	216

#	Field	Choice Count
1	Strongly support	44.91% 97
2	Somewhat support	28.24% 61
3	Somewhat oppose	13.89% 30
4	Strongly oppose	12.96% 28

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Q32 - Do you support or oppose renovating and adding to the existing community hall?



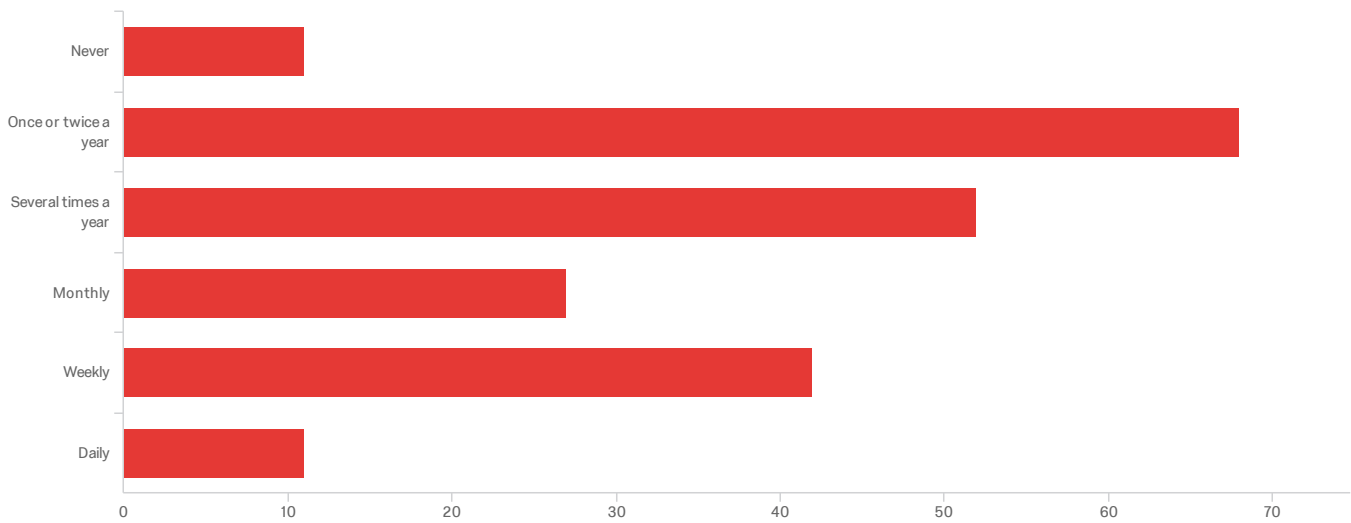
#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Do you support or oppose renovating and adding to the existing community hall?	1.00	4.00	2.39	1.03	1.07	204

#	Field	Choice Count
1	Strongly support	22.55% 46
2	Somewhat support	35.29% 72
3	Somewhat oppose	23.04% 47
4	Strongly oppose	19.12% 39

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Q8 - How often do you currently use or access the Mount Pleasant Community Centre?



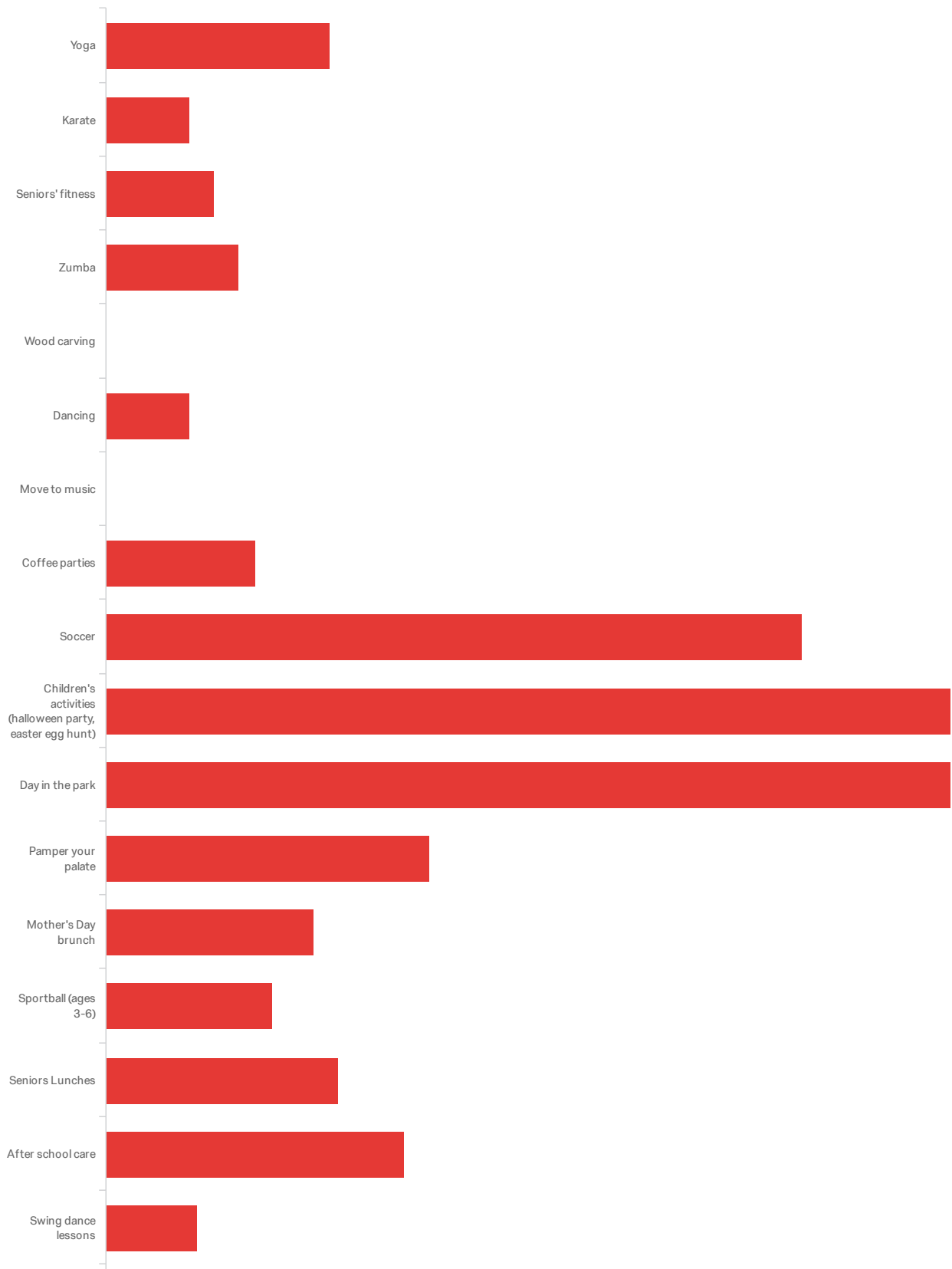
#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	How often do you currently use or access the Mount Pleasant Community Centre?	1.00	6.00	3.26	1.36	1.86	211

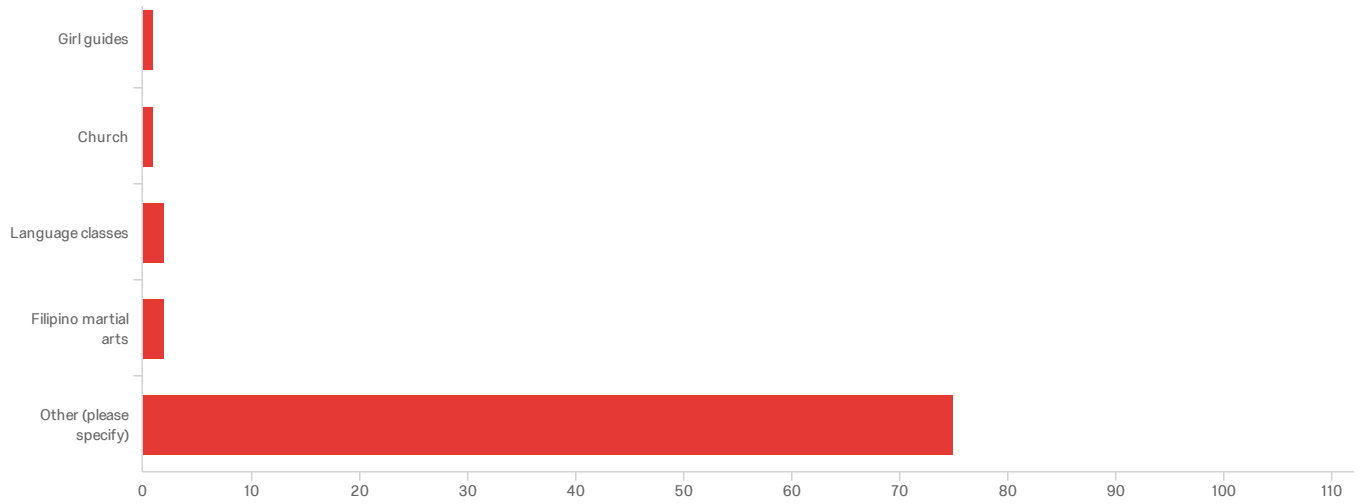
#	Field	Choice Count
1	Never	5.21% 11
2	Once or twice a year	32.23% 68
3	Several times a year	24.64% 52
4	Monthly	12.80% 27
5	Weekly	19.91% 42
6	Daily	5.21% 11

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Q9 - Have you or any family members participated in these events at or near the Community Centre? Please select all that apply.





#	Field	Choice Count
1	Yoga	4.34% 27
2	Karate	1.61% 10
3	Seniors' fitness	2.09% 13
4	Zumba	2.57% 16
5	Wood carving	0.00% 0
6	Dancing	1.61% 10
7	Move to music	0.00% 0
8	Coffee parties	2.89% 18
9	Soccer	13.50% 84
10	Children's activities (halloween party, easter egg hunt)	16.40% 102
11	Day in the park	16.40% 102
12	Pamper your palate	6.27% 39
13	Mother's Day brunch	4.02% 25
14	Sportball (ages 3-6)	3.22% 20
15	Seniors Lunches	4.50% 28
16	After school care	5.79% 36
17	Swing dance lessons	1.77% 11
18	Girl guides	0.16% 1
19	Church	0.16% 1
20	Language classes	0.32% 2

#	Field	Choice Count
21	Filipino martial arts	0.32% 2
22	Other (please specify)	12.06% 75
		622

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Q9_14_TEXT - Other (please specify)

Other (please specify)

Playgroup

Play group , book club, playground

board/committee meetings

Town Halls for elections. Sports windups.

Have rented it for family events

Play group

Book club

Playgroup

Mount Pleasant Play Group

Play group (you forgot playgroup - it is used daily for that)

playgroup

Adult games

church

Community meetings and voting

Meetings

social event

Playgroup

Playgroup

Playgroup

Other (please specify)

Playgroup for my kids

Playgroup

Play group

Book club

Playgroup

MPCA Committee meetings

pot luck with a guest speaker.

Toddler Playgroup's

Playgroup

Play groups

Play Group

Preschool meetups

Playgroup

Concerts, and Community Info. Nights/town Halls, Elections voting

play group

Book club, games

Playgroup!!!

Board meetings, and City events.

none

None personally as I don't live in NW Calgary. Our organization rents the main hall once each year for a signature event. The layout works well for us.

Board Meetings

Wine tastings

Book club, play group

Playgroup

Other (please specify)

Community meetings and open houses

Mount pleasant playgroup

Playgroup

Play group

Rented for our family's private function

board meetings

Playgroup

Playgroup

Playgroup

Early community clean up.

Our own Dances and dance workshops

We utilize and support the MP outdoor pool through the entire summer

we do not at this time live in MP we did and still own property in MP.

None. Our children are grown but we aren't seniors so nothing that appeals to us yet.

Summer children's camp

Social event in the hall

Funeral Receptions

Tai Chi class organized by church

Weekly playgroup

Annual meetings

Playgroup

Just moved here a few weeks ago; interested in joining in on several of these events.

Meetings for community

play group

Other (please specify)

book club

Playgroup, we spend a LOT of time at the playground/field and pool

Swimming. Park.

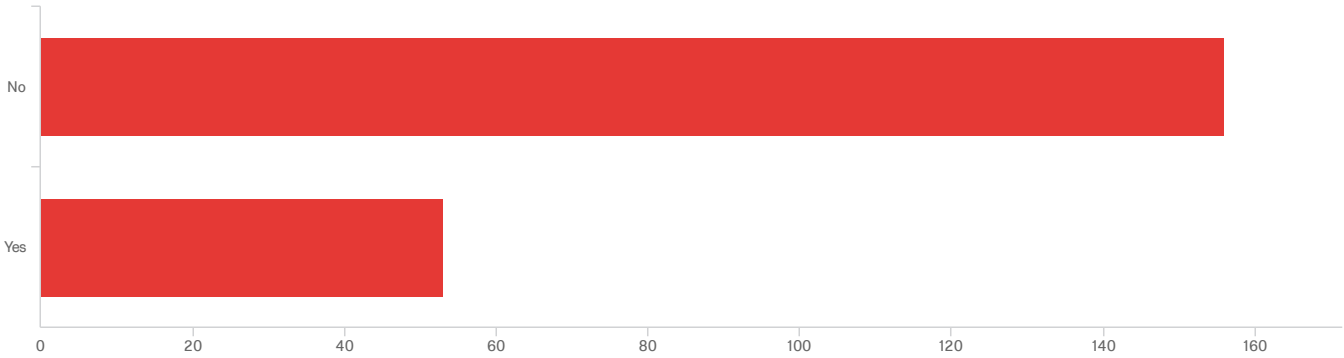
Playgroup

Playgroup

Senior lunches

Board meetings. Seniors' lunches

Q11 - Have you ever rented the hall for your own purposes or for a group you're involved with?

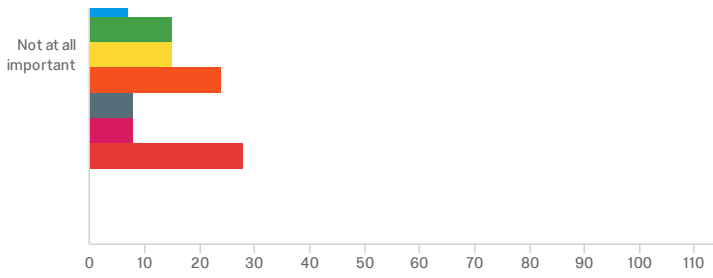


#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Have you ever rented the hall for your own purposes or for a group you're involved with?	1.00	2.00	1.25	0.44	0.19	209

#	Field	Choice Count
1	No	74.64% 156
2	Yes	25.36% 53

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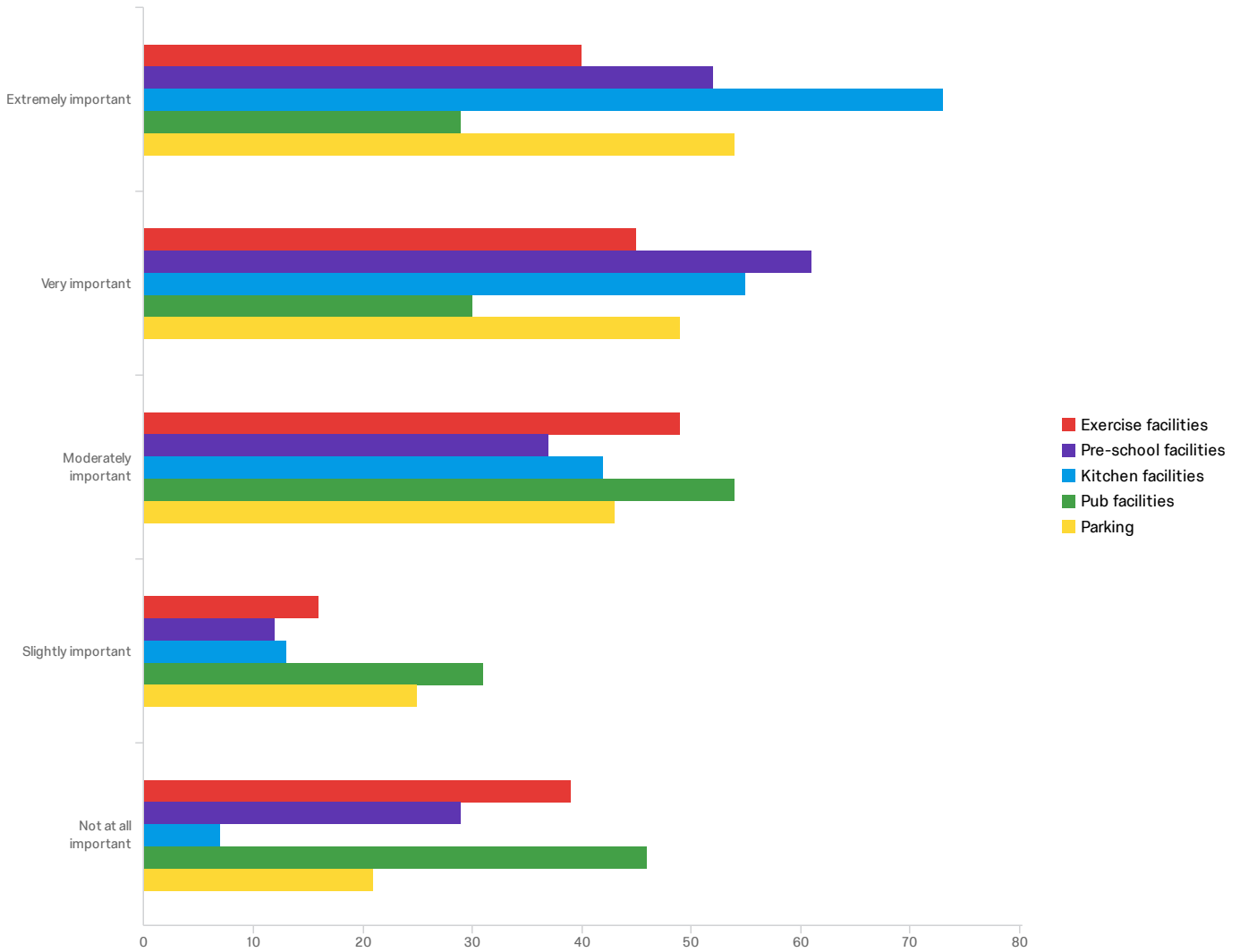


#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Children's Programs	1.00	5.00	1.85	1.16	1.33	199
2	Youth Programs	1.00	5.00	1.96	1.07	1.14	199
3	Adult Programs	1.00	5.00	2.22	1.06	1.12	200
4	Senior Programs	1.00	5.00	2.12	1.21	1.47	200
5	Fitness Programs	1.00	5.00	2.32	1.14	1.29	199
6	Art Programs	1.00	5.00	2.89	1.19	1.42	197
7	Socializing Programs	1.00	5.00	2.31	1.06	1.13	199
8	Hall and kitchen facilities to rent out for weddings, events, etc.	1.00	5.00	2.06	1.10	1.20	198
9	Small meeting rooms	1.00	5.00	2.94	1.27	1.61	199

#	Field	Extremely important		Very important		Moderately important		Slightly important		Not at all important		Total
1	Children's Programs	52.26%	104	27.64%	55	9.05%	18	5.03%	10	6.03%	12	199
2	Youth Programs	39.70%	79	38.19%	76	13.07%	26	4.02%	8	5.03%	10	199
3	Adult Programs	29.00%	58	35.00%	70	24.50%	49	8.00%	16	3.50%	7	200
4	Senior Programs	39.00%	78	31.50%	63	15.50%	31	6.50%	13	7.50%	15	200
5	Fitness Programs	27.14%	54	33.17%	66	28.14%	56	4.02%	8	7.54%	15	199
6	Art Programs	14.21%	28	22.34%	44	36.04%	71	15.23%	30	12.18%	24	197
7	Socializing Programs	26.13%	52	32.66%	65	29.65%	59	7.54%	15	4.02%	8	199
8	Hall and kitchen facilities to rent out for weddings, events, etc.	39.39%	78	29.80%	59	20.71%	41	6.06%	12	4.04%	8	198
9	Small meeting rooms	16.08%	32	21.11%	42	29.15%	58	19.60%	39	14.07%	28	199

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Q33 - How important is it to you personally to have each of these facilities included in the design of a new community centre?

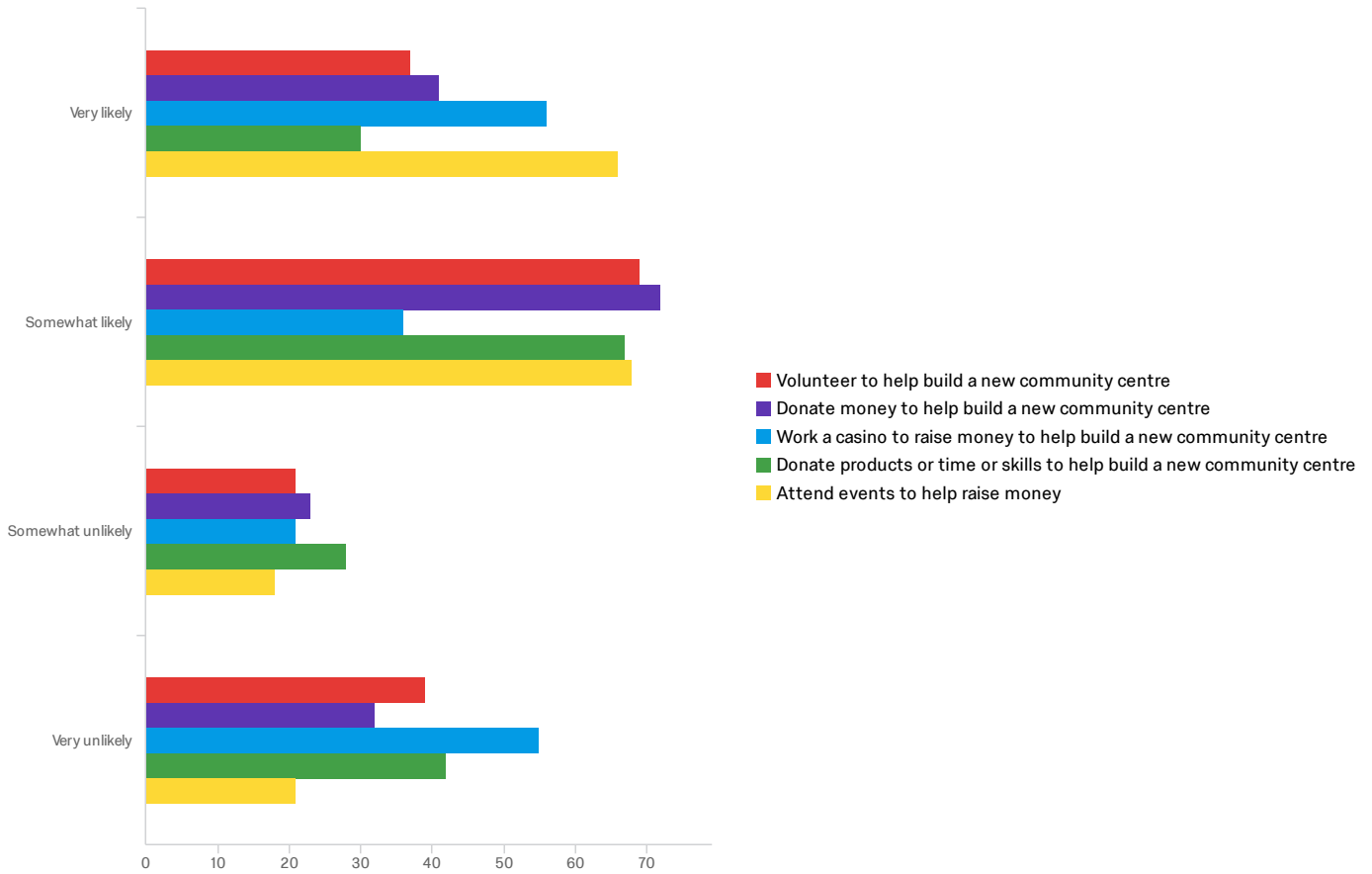


#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Exercise facilities	1.00	5.00	2.84	1.40	1.97	189
2	Pre-school facilities	1.00	5.00	2.50	1.35	1.83	191
3	Kitchen facilities	1.00	5.00	2.08	1.10	1.20	190
4	Pub facilities	1.00	5.00	3.18	1.37	1.87	190
5	Parking	1.00	5.00	2.53	1.31	1.73	192

#	Field	Extremely important	Very important	Moderately important	Slightly important	Not at all important	Total
1	Exercise facilities	21.16% 40	23.81% 45	25.93% 49	8.47% 16	20.63% 39	189
2	Pre-school facilities	27.23% 52	31.94% 61	19.37% 37	6.28% 12	15.18% 29	191
3	Kitchen facilities	38.42% 73	28.95% 55	22.11% 42	6.84% 13	3.68% 7	190
4	Pub facilities	15.26% 29	15.79% 30	28.42% 54	16.32% 31	24.21% 46	190
5	Parking	28.13% 54	25.52% 49	22.40% 43	13.02% 25	10.94% 21	192

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Q16 - How likely would you be to do each of the following activities? (If you do not support a new community hall, please skip this question)



#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Volunteer to help build a new community centre	1.00	4.00	2.37	1.07	1.15	166
2	Donate money to help build a new community centre	1.00	4.00	2.27	1.03	1.07	168
3	Work a casino to raise money to help build a new community centre	1.00	4.00	2.45	1.25	1.57	168
4	Donate products or time or skills to help build a new community centre	1.00	4.00	2.49	1.05	1.11	167
5	Attend events to help raise money	1.00	4.00	1.97	0.98	0.97	173

#	Field	Very likely	Somewhat likely	Somewhat unlikely	Very unlikely	Total
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#	Field	Very likely		Somewhat likely		Somewhat unlikely		Very unlikely		Total
1	Volunteer to help build a new community centre	22.29%	37	41.57%	69	12.65%	21	23.49%	39	166
2	Donate money to help build a new community centre	24.40%	41	42.86%	72	13.69%	23	19.05%	32	168
3	Work a casino to raise money to help build a new community centre	33.33%	56	21.43%	36	12.50%	21	32.74%	55	168
4	Donate products or time or skills to help build a new community centre	17.96%	30	40.12%	67	16.77%	28	25.15%	42	167
5	Attend events to help raise money	38.15%	66	39.31%	68	10.40%	18	12.14%	21	173

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Q6 - Why do you support building a new community centre?

Why do you support building a new community centre?

Build for the future. Build well in an environmentally sustainable way.

Upgrading facility to be more usable would be appealing. However, this is all dependent on cost compared to a upgrading old facility.

The existing structure has outlived its useful service life. A new build has the opportunity to serve the community better through more functional space and usable space, and potentially bring higher return on investment (ie. meeting / event spaces for rent). A life cycle cost analysis is likely to support building new vs renovate/expand existing.

It will have what is needed

A new facility provides to opportunity to build a space the reflects the needs of the community.

if it's more cost effective in the long run, it makes sense

Less continuous maintenance, desirable for new people wanting to move to the community, I would make personal use of the new facility.

The new center will last much longer than just renovating an old building. It allows for the building to made to optimize use (rentals, classes, etc.) I think it also adds value to our community.

I think that it will better meet the needs of the community, and have less initial maintenance requirements. Our community is growing and we need to grow with it.

Our community centre is extremely outdated and a new modern building will add a lot to our neighborhood. If rental of space is available for private events, more people might be interested in renting if the building was not so run down as it currently is. It would be also great if we could build a gym (if space/cost allows) for badminton/basketball/yoga etc.

As long as it's done smartly and responsibly, a new building seems a better return on investment to me.

Better for the long term

Current building will have ongoing necessary repairs so will likely cost more over the years

a set back further would help with the noise that comes with parties ect.cost to replace lower now.

Maintaining older buildings is a crapshoot for cost containment. A new facility will enjoy certainty in operating funds required. A new facility will better serve existing needs and will certainly engage a new portion of Mount Pleasant residents that currently are not active in the old facility.

Would be nice to have a larger, less segregated space for events. We could also provide other spaces for our residents (ie. Gym, fitness studio, potentially more things for kids to do, etc.).

Even with a renovation the building continues to age and will require additional funds year after year.

Why do you support building a new community centre?

Better for the community development and interest. Fresh and new. Will get more involvement. Old bldg will always be old and in the future have more problems. That's a lot of money for the old bldg

Community already has nice historical amenities (rink, pool, art centre). New community centre would be a better fit. Also, basement for afterschool program needs major improvement and I'm not sure renovation is enough

no point adding on to an already choppy old building

It will be more efficient in the long term. There isn't anything architecturally or historically special about the existing building. I grew up in the neighbourhood and attended playschool and other events there but I don't have any attachments to the building.

I support renewal through replacement or renovation. Insufficient info on final costs was presented to let me land on my preference. I would need a clear understanding of total projected costs of the reno and ongoing maintenance vs replacement and ongoing maintenance. From the numbers provided, it looks like it would almost be the same cost for reno vs replacement once you take into account the maintenance of the older building. It is worth a more in depth exploration of building new.

Current building is really tired and unsuitable for community events. New building would represent the higher aspirations for MP.

Building old.

The current building is outdated and not functional

The current facility is very dated and does not provide sufficient resources for a growing and younger demographic in Mount Pleasant. A new and better facility would enhance the neighbourhood.

I think a new building will revitalize the neighbourhood and better serve the needs

Can build for the needs today. Plus have updated building codes.

When factoring in the O&M costs, it makes more sense to me to build a new hall. I also think that it will be very difficult to renovate such a dated building to fully suit the community's needs.

The cost down the road of upkeep for a renovated community centre is quite high.

I believe that, over time, it makes more economic sense. Subjectively, I would like to see our community have an up to date community centre.

The community centre needs a space better suited to host activities for the members. It also makes more sense to build a new building versus the cost of continually fixing an old building. If the new building has strategic planning it could make significant revenue for the center i.e. build a fitness center with equipment.

A new building will be beneficial to the community. And likely will have less maintenance costs to deal with

A 60 yr old bldg is basically done. A new structure will better suit now and importantly also the future

will serve the community better, old buildings cost more to maintain.

-new facility that will last for years -May attract more rentals -keeps community members in community

I like the idea of having minimal maintenance, and will be able to meet the requirements of the current needs of Mt. Pleasant.

Why do you support building a new community centre?

I agree that a new building will increase community involvement and there would be additional opportunities to recoup costs with rentals. 10 years from now if it's just renovated, you will be dealing with the same issues. Mount Pleasant density has increased dramatically in the last 10-15 years and the hall needs to address the needs of the community.

Brand new building which would cut down on maintenance.

revitalize the space, opportunity to add and expand new programs and services

Its dated and a new facility will better meet the needs of the community. When the community centre was built, it was for an area that accommodated one family per lot. Now one lot is replaced with an in-hill that is home to two families. The community has increased in size in the number of families and in the number of dwellings. A brand new community centre can be built to target specific usage that will better the community use. (Board room, larger bathrooms, etc)

Might be more functional and see more use from community members as the current hall isn't used often by me.

The old building is too cut up and costly to renovate to meet the needs of existing and future programs. A more user friendly building would create the possibility of future rental options for external events as well as community events. Our location is ideal -let's make the most of it!

Because I feel that in 5 years we will wish we had built a new facility.

I was on the board when Capitol Hill did their lounge and hall we ran into a lot of existing problems with the existing structure.

It will serve the community better by being more tailored to today's community requirements. In addition, maintenance would be significantly less, with lower annual costs.

We either need to renovate or rebuild. When you renovate, you uncover lots of surprises (expensive surprises) especially in an older building. It is more cost-effective to start from scratch and get exactly what you want with new technology (especially in terms of energy efficiency).

Will allow current hall activities to continue during construction; prevents costly surprises during renovation, allows for current & future accommodations to be included (e.g., better access for physically challenged, proper washrooms, increased storage). Concerned with the lack of grant availability to replace a building that seems to be still structurally sound.

Planning on living here for a while, going to spend a lot on maintenance go forward, eventually will have to replace, I have no real sentimental connection to the building, it's not a beautiful historical site or anything. Would be good for the community assuming it is done well and meets relevant needs

it would better meet the needs of the community, and would facilitate an easier transition (i.e., the community hall would not close during construction, and the rental income would be maintained). I am also hesitant to invest in renovating an older structure that, although it preserves some character, it is not a historic building. It leaves the community highly vulnerable in the long run for costly repairs and upgrades that will be necessary to preserve the investment in the renos. All things considered - i believe it is a better investment for the community, and an easier transition, to build new.

If the existing one is upgraded it will be disappointing

Revive th community

I have been to other community associations and enjoy the atmosphere of a pub style setting or a place where we can bring in entertainment.

It's an opportunity to add new features to the community centre that could add to the community (e.g., a daycare, which could provide a significant source of rental income for the community). Also, the estimated cost of maintenance of a renovated building over 25y seems quite high.

As the heart of the community the hall needs a new form to fulfill its role

Why do you support building a new community centre?

the current one has terrible bathrooms. The space could use modernization. Could use a gym and other amenities. The lower hall smells, bathrooms are even worse - it backs up. The water sprays into kids eyes. ventilation seems sub-par. office space seems small and non-welcoming for walk-ins

Old facility is outdated, missing some amenities.

Great to have a community space and with the active use and increasing density in the neighbourhood it would be good to have a building that will meet the needs

The Mount Pleasant community has been growing very quickly over the last 20 years and it seems the center was designed for a much smaller community (same for the pool). It would look better !

Assuming this is the Sportsplex, I play hockey there a handful of times a year and the facilities definitely need updating or rebuilding. It seems to be a great opportunity to increase the size of the change rooms and the ice surface, as well as potentially adding a pub/restaurant.

Mount Pleasant is a well-loved community association. That said, age and deterioration often poses challenges (unfortunately some unforeseen). I'm sure staff have had to address various work-around situations over the years. As Calgary and the community has grown, user needs have certainly changed/increased, therefore a new building that accommodates staff requirements and all user needs would be wonderful. It would also allow you to design it with current and future opportunities in mind.

I think there can be creative opportunities in developing further mixed-use amenities that might not be possible to achieve through renovation/expansion only.

The old hall is very cut up and dated and may not be the building to satisfy the needs of the current Community Residents

Building "from the ground up" might be more efficient and cost-effective than trying to retrofit the existing structure

Our facility requires so much basic infrastructure work as well as needing more space- I think that adding on will just create a nightmare for electrical and plumbing upgrades and will make an awkward space even more disjointed.

Longevity of the facility: tailored to the community needs

Present Costs to maintain the current hall continue to increase over the years. The hall is not suited to all customers . Wheelchair accessibility is lacking; kitchen is not up to standards and lower hall is lacking in usefulness. Stage is also outdated

better lay out, updated, accessible facilities

From the information provided it looks like over \$1,000,000 will need to be spent to replace and repair items that are 60 years old and we still would not have the "ideal" community centre. I feel that money would be better spent going towards a new centre.

Believe that the community hall could be so much more than it currently is and that starting from scratch will allow for current and future needs of residents to be met. This could truly add to the already amazing amenities this neighborhood offers.

Renovating the old building, while eligible for municipal and provincial grants, will leave us with an old building. Not worth the effort

Accessibility and longevity. There is only so much you can do to make an old building inclusive. Renovating an old space is a bandaid solution. This community is strong and growing, we deserves a building that will serve all of us for another 50+ years

Consistent with the neighbourhood modernizing - infills

It will provide the community with a facility that will be around for years to come and meet the needs of those living in Mount Pleasant.

Why do you support building a new community centre?

accessibility needs to be improved, washroom facilities are terrible, lay out does not allow for multiple renters at a time, energy efficiency would be improved.

Old building has seen to much ad-hoc renos and repairs. Well out of date. Better to start new

The opportunity to create a space that meets community needs without having to compromise due to the pre-existing design or structure of the building is appealing.

Start over

A new building would not need the continuing maintenance the older structure would and I feel like a new building would bring the community together and offer a larger variety of uses. I also want the current activities to be able to continue to use the old building while the new one is built. Our family currently does karate and after school care at the community hall and we would not want to lose those during renovation.

A new building would provide an opportunity to design spaces for today's needs, and to build an energy efficient building incorporating new technologies to reduce operating costs. The costs to continue to maintain our ageing facility over the next ten years could be put toward the costs of a new building.

Maintain continuous use (and rental revenue) of a hall. Reduce the chances of eventually losing the community centre. Chance to create a modern building that better meets today's (and future needs). Current structural repairs to the arena's foundation are an indicator of things to come.

Will be new building with less maintenance and will meet community needs. Will be accessible for disabled community members (lower hall not accessible for them). Opportunity to make the building energy efficient/ more green.

Opportunity for the building to be a community hub more than it is now

It would be a nice addition to the community. The community is so active and the current structure does not provide a space conducive to this.

It will serve the communities needs over a much greater period of time than renovating the existing structure would, with modern conveniences and efficiencies.

It re-engages the community and brings new opportunities.

It could be tailored to a changing demographic within the community, plus add some necessary options that may not be available by renovating the existing hall. This serves as a better longer term option than the existing hall.

I would like to see programs continue rather than shutting them down. See Halls like Bridgeland and see how great a new space can be!!

Can be specific to the communities current and future needs. Should be more energy efficient and less expensive to maintain.

Because I think in the end it should be more cost effective and we will have a new building rather than an updated old building.

If you keep putting money into an old building that will within the next 5-10 years need to be replaced anyway, it seems there is a need for a new building now, other wise we would not be talking about it !!

Current building is reaching the end of its useful life. New build should be more economical and demonstrate the "energy" of our community.

Provide for the future with minimal disruption during construction.

It would present the opportunity to create a larger structure tailored to the current needs of the community.

Why do you support building a new community centre?

Would be trouble free for several years, would give community a more usable building so they could use it more often, generate more revenue with additional space.

Would be more cost effective in the long run with respect to maintenance. It may also be cheaper to do this work now (in a recession) than 5 years from now. A larger more modern facility would greatly benefit the community.

It presents an opportunity for a new and innovative (energy efficient) structure that could attract more rental income and be a sought after locale. I think of how neat the Bridgeland Riverside community centre is (architecturally and functionally) and I want that for my young family.

I believe it's a good idea if it will better suit the needs of the community and allow community members to congregate, meet, and host events.

Investing 1.5 mln on an old structure does not make sense vs cost of a new hall

The costs of maintaining an older building are substantial over the years, a newer building would also look a lot nicer and more updated - the current building is dark, and I regularly have asthma problems when I've been in there for any substantial length of time,

the cost of repairing the old hall vs starting over with a new facility

If building a new one is less expensive then renovating the old one, I would support that.

Mount Pleasant has grown significantly over the last twenty years. If the building was renovated it would cost significantly more than a new building. It should be considered that it could bring in considerable income should it be done correctly. The kitchen is hard to use, the spaces are awkward and the bathrooms are hard to access. As a community member and business owner I would regularly book for programming and events if the space was more adaptable. There is a great Architect who grew up in and around the community name Damon Butz. He has great experience with planning. he runs out of Turner Valley now but he is amazingly equipped to work on projects like this. [REDACTED]. MPCA would greatly benefit from and update and revamping of its spaces. I would happily volunteer to work towards this.

The current center is old and will ultimately need to be replaced at some point. Why wait. A new center could help bring together the community if thought is put into the development.

The existing building is running down, need fixing, lack of storage and meeting rooms.

Several aspects of the old building seem to have already been pushed to their limit (i.e. - second roof on top of original, multiple floor levels in lower hall, subpar bathrooms, etc) and a clean slate would alleviate the need for compromise solutions.

I think if done correctly, leasing spaces to a cooperative preschool, fitness classes etc could help offset some of the costs and could increase use of the building, thereby increasing community engagement

The Hall Heating and air conditioning is noisy, we don't have a suitable kitchen to meet standards and needs. The basement is outdated and not useful.

The building is old and very run down. The community and its members are ready for a new building. I believe the building would get more use if it was new and functional for 2019+ needs. The building is outdated and not enjoyable to use in current state.

It will be easier to build a new modern building that will better meet the needs of the community than to keep renovating and maintaining an old, chopped up, out dated building

It gets used a lot

Could facilitate more community events which would enhance community integration. A new community centre could become focal point of Mount Pleasant. Ability to provide a facility that works for MPCA in 21st century.

Why do you support building a new community centre?

I don't believe our money is well spent adding a few decades to an already old building. It's not an investment but a bandaid. A new facility would also be tailored to the current MP residents and look towards the future

You won't lose money on rentals during the build. The existing structure is old and renovating it may open up an expensive can of worms. The new building will hopefully be better designed than the old one. Maintenance costs in the first few years will hopefully be lower than they would be on the old structure.

We have a great, active community that would possibly use/ rent a new hall much more than now.

To have modern facilities

Mount Pleasant appears to be experiencing an increase in population density, as well as an influx of young families. Our community center should be sized to support this. I also agree that it might well be cheaper in the long run to construct a new building.

The current building has outlived its era. Uptodate community hall is far superior. Lets look forward to the future and build.

There are so many things that need upgrading but then you still have an old building

Old community centre will be limited to what it can offer for the overall community. A new one with community consultation will rejuvenate the community and support growing families

The current one is tired and dated. Renovating it will only be a band-aid and will require revisiting the issue again at a later date. Let's get the ball rolling now.

Lower maintenance costs, no loss of rental income during build, better suited building, need to replace old building.

It could add a visually more inviting building into the community - something with more windows and natural lighting - and more meeting and event room options or configurations.

modern infrastructure will be more efficient and cheaper to maintain. It will also be a good opportunity to visit existing and future needs of the community on the existing site.

The existing community centre lacks architectural interest and does not add to the character of the community.

I feel like we could all have input into what's included, whereas with a reno I don't see us getting what we need/want as community members (e.g. new boardroom, restrooms and office? I think we need and could get a lot better than that). Also, as an inner city neighbourhood we don't get nearly the same new amenities as the suburbs. A new community hall would be exciting, and I feel like we could make it something really great for the whole community. I understand nostalgia for the way things were, and for historical buildings, but in this case, I think function matters a lot more.

It is long overdue and it is simply not fair for inner city communities to not have new community halls.

Too much maintenance and upkeep on 60 year old building. Basement facilities are not very appealing. Also poor access to basement.

Would be good for the community, add amenities not currently available

Get a brand new one

Old facility has too many design issues

kljafdaldf

Why do you support building a new community centre?

Old one inadequate

Renovation is imminent on the old building due to fire barrier issues, bathrooms, storage etc. but we would still have an old building with a short life span maybe an additional 20 years? If the money was spent on the old building, we wouldn't have any money left for a building fund for a new one that will still be needed.

I think it will be more cost-effective and give a superior facility compared with trying to patch up the existing building.

Old one is aging and with new residents in community it no longer meets our needs

Old building has passed it's best before due point. It is very cut up and outdated. Washrooms are horrific.

Old one is old

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Q7 - Why do you oppose building a new community centre?

Why do you oppose building a new community centre?

Cost

We like the history of the building, memories. Current building has sufficient main form for size of activities. Money is available for upgrades

Cost and need to fundraise

I was a member at Bears paw Golf & Country Club for over 25 years. Bears paw had to make a decision to renovate the existing facility or build a new one. The costs of building a new one while initially 'double' the renovations cost, garnered enough support from everyone that it proceeded. The hope was that there would be enough revenue generated in the new one to offset construction costs. 3 years and a bankrupt golf course later, everyone lost. At the end of the day, the community hall is getting used at likely the rate that it should, and there is absolutely no need to go and risk the cost of a new hall with the renovation costs that can be planned and more 'certain'. Based on very recent and relevant experience, I would strongly encourage and recommend the board stay the course in making renovations rather than a new facility.

The current building has character and history and is in fairly good shape. I feel it already gets booked for events often and would wonder if a new hall would create more traffic and congestion on the surrounding streets. I also like the current lay out of the park, building and parking lot.

The character and history of the existing building are worth saving, and a renovation is covered by grants and existing funds.

Cost versus limited demand for and use of the facility is the main reason I oppose building new.

There is so much history in Mount pleasant. The current community centre has so much for that history. I don't see why a good renovation would be the better choice- less dollars, less fundraising. And perhaps better for the environmental footprint.

wasteful, building should last more than 60 years. A new structure you would be lucky to get 60 years out of, just like the current Mount Pleasant specials.

NIMBY. The location of the new hall and the associated noise would have a direct negative effect on me and my property. Cost

Cost and amount of volunteer labour involved in getting the project up and running.

Too much money. Not needed. The current community center just needs upgrades.

I think the current building is fine, just needs upgrade, cost is too high for a new building

1. New isn't necessarily cheaper than old in the long run 2. Money is tight so a renovation/addition that already has funds secured is a safer option. If all the community can raise is \$1.5 million are we willing to scale down a new project? If not, will the contractor take shortcuts and compromise quality - that has the potential for much higher maintenance and remediation costs in the future 3. The community hall appears to be well used but there are still opportunities to run more programs within its time availability

No grant money from governments. The hall while it may not be pretty, is well used and gets the job done. Building of a new centre would be purely to boost the ego of current board members

Unnecessary, too much money, ruin the spirit

Why do you oppose building a new community centre?

Because the current seems in ok shape for Reno

Grants are just about impossible to come by for new construction, renovation projects are more accessible and this project is only possible with grant money

Our family loves the current community centre. Our kids love the Mount Pleasant playgroup and Christmas party. It's the perfect size.

While the economy is very unsure at this time, I don't think it is feasible to consider such a large debt load. Maybe when the economy in Calgary improves, it can be considered again.

I like the idea of keeping an older historical structure.

I already submitted - but am back to add to my wish list. I don't support the new facility as described by Murray. I may support some upgrades to the existing facilities. What I strongly support is a new mega facility replacing the hall, pool, and rink.

In the long term I want a new community/rec centre. I answered strongly oppose because I feel the new facility as described by Murray would be a waste of money. It would simply be too small. The costs to build new are so great that it has to be done right the first time and sized appropriately not just today but for future user visits decades down the road. The existing facility may be worthy of some renos and upgrades to provide better utility while we lobby the City and industry for for a brand new mega facility. We need to dream big, and accept nothing less. Our community population is growing, as our City grows so do commute times, we need more amenities within our neighborhood as traveling to the Rocky Ridge Y just isn't practical. I'm sick of paying more for my house, and more property taxes than suburbanites while they get the Westside Rec Centre and the biggest YMCAs in the world. The facilities we have are too few, too old and too small. We need to bulldoze the entire MP Park area (hall, pool, rink) and build something similar in size to the downtown Y complete with underground parkade preferably with tunnelled access from 4th Street and 20th Ave. MPCA residents get first dibs on everything, swim lesson registration and so on. If we need to charge an ongoing community fee to every household to fund it so be it (this is how communities like Lakeview fund their lake amenities).

As funds are now available and would qualify for grants this would keep the community out of debt, and shorten time the hall is out of use

Based on the pros and cons listed by the past president, it seems to make more sense to renovate than rebuild. From a gentrification and environmental perspective, it also seems to fit the community to keep the current building and renovate. It's also better for the planet - what is going to happen to all the materials from the old building? Landfill?

It is wasteful and shortsighted to just tear down buildings the minute they need repairs. People have good associations with the old building and you can't build community feeling for a building if you just replace it whenever it needs fixing.

Too expensive

It is more expensive.

Cost, lack of grants.

SORRY: I clicked the wrong period of time that my family and I have lived in Mount Pleasant. It is between 15 - 20 years, NOT over 20 years: BELOW is my thinking on our decision for MPCA: It is expensive, \$1.5 up to \$2 million is a lot of money; however, maybe we can find a wealthy person who might be willing to donate. Also, about 8-10 years ago, the MPCA already did renovations to the roof and installed new HVAC equipment on the west side of the roof. If we can find a wealthy person who is willing to donate, we could build a new building where the east parking lot is located and still get revenue from renting out the old MPCA at the same time! This is a good advantage for considering to build new. Another thing to consider, if whether our neighbors across the back ally and across the street would approve of us building 'in-front' of their building/homes. Could we be 'stuck' in a legal bind?

I think it is important to keep history in a community as established as Mount Pleasant is. We are usually so quick to demolish something instead of finding a way to make it work.

I am a long term renter and would not be able to host programs during renovations.

Why do you oppose building a new community centre?

Noise from hall rentals is bearable now but would be much worse. Truly a NIMBY.

I love the old one!

Expense, wasteful when we already have a building

We love the beautiful wood floor. There are very few good wood dancing floors left in Calgary. We would be very sad if that floor was replaced with carpet, Lino, etc. Even carpeting the edges and reducing the size of floor would be a travesty. The floor is perfect for our Scottish Country dances!

This is Pleasant Heights After School and while we admire the intentions of this survey, we would definitely have major concerns about where we would re-locate during the time of this construction. This has the potential to impact our families from the community in a profound way. we would appreciate being notified well in advance regarding any decisions on this matter.

Cost. Not sure how the funds would be raised?? However with all the building in the community and increasing density maybe this is the time to replace the structure completely and attract new young residents. As you can see I'm undecided. If there is a way to fund it, I would say do it. The cost of maintaining the old structure will only go up with age of and we may look back in a few years and wish we had replaced it.

Cost and time involved in raising the money

primarily cost involved. And new is not always better. How do you retain the 'character' of Mount Pleasant is a new building?

The cost to do so

I am not familiar with the use of the building, the income from rental, or the percentage of use - but it seems like the renovation is a much more cost effective use of funds. I am not sure of the added value of a new building.

Too many historic structures in this community have been lost to new construction. Overall spend and environmental impact is lower to revitalize the old rather than always tearing everything down.

Current centre is quite adequate for our needs.

The upper floor has character, charm and history.

the centre that exists is great. It has been an ideal location for us to rent on an annual basis and meets our needs exactly. The room is great, the stage is ideal, the windows and curtains are awesome the only thing that would be an improvement is an upgrade in the kitchen.

The plan isn't clear and neither is the purpose

cost, don't really need all new, could fix up old one

Renovating the existing hall seems like better value for the money spent.

Cost and historic preservation of existing facility. Too many new buildings (homes and facilities), losing the charm of an older, established neighborhood.

I appreciate the community centre celebrates the history of our community. A kitchen renovation and some lower/bigger windows, meeting space and a patio area would be excellent additions. Some spaces for older youth - like an outdoor basketball courts, and additional seating would be nice. The cost of building a new centre is prohibitive. The 2016 community visioning report doesn't include any ideas that would justify a new building.

Cost. There's no information as to from where and how funds would be raised? Say cost will be \$1.5 - 2.5 million, that's quite a gap, and there are often cost overruns, so amount could be even higher. If there were grants to support new structure, I would be okay with new build.

Why do you oppose building a new community centre?

Too expensive, I don't think its used enough to justify the cost.

New construction doesn't qualify for funding which is a huge expense and I'm concerned about rising costs to use the facility. Scope is also not clear on the new building which could lead to cost increases.

Too much money, current centre can be updated and still have a very positive outcome.

Renovate what is already there

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Q14 - Have you seen other community association buildings or programming that has impressed you? Please detail where it was and what you saw and liked.

Have you seen other community association buildings or programming that has...

I've seen others, they were functional, not necessarily impressive.

Family member enjoys dancing lessons at Capital Hill. I know that Hounsfield heights hosts picklball, which may interest me when I retire in the foreseeable future

A community association building does not need to be anything more than what it already is IMO. There are countless number of great purpose-built facilities within minutes of our community. Nothing more is needed.

The Triwood community center has a nice farmers market weekly and good exercise classes.

- Winston heights community garden (beautiful) - pub nights (Capitol Hill) - Campus pre school (Capitol Hil) - art markets (Triwood) - farmer's market (Hillhurst and Bridgeland)

Scenic Acres community centre has great programming - lots of art and craft sales. Tuscany has a lot of enhanced programming like a spray park for kids. Bridgeland's space is used all the time - great outdoor seating area and park, farmers market.

No.

Hillhurst/Sunnyside

N/a

renfrew

Thornccliffe has amazing fitness areas, pub, and halls for an older building.

Modern full kitchens with lots of storage

Fitness area for residents.

Winston Heights Community Hall, great bright space with various multi purpose rooms. Great outdoor space as well

Panorama hills. Edgemont. Falconridge. Easy to rent. Clean. Friendly people to deal with. Water park and park for kids.

Renfrew pub, although old, does bring community together

Have you seen other community association buildings or programming that has...

The renovation and expansion of the Rosedale Community Hall has provided additional rental opportunities and answered most of the needs of the community and outside renters. The only drawback to renovating that hall was the inability to add in proper venting for an oven because of the cost and age of the building.

No.

No

Liked modern design of Panorama (I think) hall

More community events

Capital hill - outside the facility , patio, field, playground

Farmers market at the West Hillhurst Community Association. Monthly food waste seminars at the West Hillhurst Community Association. The Crescent Heights and Crestmont CA buildings are quite nice - bright, big windows, great views, nice balconies. Capitol Hill and Banff Trail community gardens are quite lovely and welcoming.

Capitol Hill Community Centre, they have a nice layout, especially the outdoor space with the deck. They always seem to have fun events advertised (family dance parties, pub night, neighbour day)

I like community centers that have programs for ALL ages, not just for the elderly & the preschoolers. I enjoy community centers that have a range of activities e.g., workout gym, group fitness, art classes, sporting events like indoor pickle ball, basketball etc, cooking classes, pottery classes, sewing classes, knitting classes, painting classes.

Edmonton (Beacon Heights Comm Assoc) Another (true) community which offers most of what Mt Pleasant does. Consider Mount Pleasant a true community also

Kids soccer and softball/tee ball leagues. Kids extra curricular language programs (French, Spanish, etc...)

No

Out door hockey arena at new Brighton community centre

better playground, outdoor cooking facilities, more natural flow between indoor and outdoor spaces

I like the Crescent Heights building with the big lawn in the back.

Panorama Hills has a pretty impressive community centre. It's gated and is for the residents of Panorama and their guests. It has a water park (which I know won't work for this facility, but it's nice). Multi functioning rooms on different levels. Crestmont Community centre- beautiful facility with large windows all around.

Dalhousie - large gym plus multiple smaller rooms able to support multiple programs

Capitol Hill is a good layout except for the lack of windows in board room

I love the layout of the west hillhurst community centre with the eating area, arena and the preschool. Its a great multi use building.

We need a pub. Hillhurst has one. Sunnyside has one in their Curling Rink. We also need secure bike parking, inside the building. Its unfortunate but bikes get stolen all the time and they are not cheap anymore.

Have you seen other community association buildings or programming that has...

Hillhurst community association, and the programs offered.

Triwood community did either a renovation or rebuild a few years ago and I liked the look of the new building.

Hillhurst Sunnyside & Confederation Park 55+ Activity Centre, both have gym floor with markings for indoor games.

Tuxedo - the large patio is a definite plus, and would make the facility more attractive for event rental. An updated playground would be an asset too, though the current one is OK.

Wine and cheese craft nights yoga

Thornclyff & Renfrew

cranston has a nice hall with people going in and out all the time with front desk staff that has space. I go there once a year and there is always community members attending an event. It's got a ranch feel, some style.

no

<https://edgemont.ab.ca/>

Some halls had support pillars to work around. Some were not accessible for wheelchairs. Some lacked adequate parking.

ample windows, nice view to greenspace (Capitol Hill) proximity/at grade with greenspace, also attractive build (Bridgeland) creates neighborhood brand

Chinook Park, Kelvin Grove. Eagle Ridge, are building a new hall that is very well done and could be the bases of a new hall in MP. Thornclyffe Greenview is a very large facility that has the best amenities in the city.

The smaller room for rent at Capitol Hill is nice, as a cavernous empty space is not always necessary.

No

Bowness community centre is very nice and accessible.

I belong to a community adult band and each year we put on a dance for 200 people at the Acadia Rec centre. There is enough space for the band, a dance floor and tables and chairs for everyone. The kitchen is located at the back of the room and we serve food from there. We are always looking for other halls that would fit our needs.

I love the patio at capital hill

variety of room types for a variety of uses. more communication in other communities - we seem to be lacking getting the word out, need to add to the seniors activities - hike groups, walk groups

I can't think of one that I've really loved everything about but the Glamorgan community centre does seem to function well.

Riverdale - Edmonton

West Hillhurst has great fitness facilities

Have you seen other community association buildings or programming that has...

The programming of West Hillhurst community center is impressive and I would love to have this variety of activities in MP. They also have an electronics recycling bin, I would like to see more effort in this sense in our community too.

Tuscany club

There is a new building in the nw - ?capitol hill - which has a balcony/outdoor space which would be great.

Banff Trail has a great outdoor space and community garden.

None.

Confederation Park, Banff Trail, Capitol hill

West Hillhurst, while dated, has a wonderful facility that meets the needs of its community plus others surrounding it

Bridgeland

Yes, Highwood has a fairly new building and I like the ease of entry for people with disabilities as well as the layout of the large room for big events and smaller rooms for meetings or small presentations.

No, we have not seen other community programs but feel MPCA does a great job with what they offer to the community as a whole.

Liked bldg in Panorama (I think). Attended kid's bday party there. Modern airy design - very welcoming.

Rosedale: very heavily used renovated hall. Acadia: large hall ideal for big events, environmentally conscious procedures for users

Yes, beautiful modern full service kitchens that could encourage more community events as well as more rental income

Capitol Hill is a nice facility and moderately priced.

Many newer ones have impressive kitchen facilities. This would be beneficial for rentals.

BRCA in Bridgeland

Bright windows, decks.

N/A

Both rosemont and crescent heights have good size windows for nice light and i've seen some with patios which is a good extension of space.

MPCA is lucky because their are great spaces all around it. It would make it super easy to plan great spaces. When looking for spaces I want accessible, a great kitchen space, multiple size options, a stage area w/ built in equipment, good bathrooms. Meeting areas. A garden area for pictures. All the things that make a sell-able rental space. It is super helpful to have good storage for multiple uses, safe areas for kids that are bright and cheerful. Most importantly a suitable space for the person(s) managing the building and property.

Capital Hill CA. Great deck and open gathering place with views of the park.

no

Have you seen other community association buildings or programming that has...

Yes, the West Hillhurst Community Centre. It has a few studios and gym.

The variety of spaces for different purposes in the West Hillhurst CA building was impressive and allows for a large range of uses.

Thornclyff on Edmonton trail about 40 th Ave NE. Not sure of the name. Liked the pub, meeting rooms just the whole facility

Mahogany

Social events for adults and families. Stampede pancake breakfasts.

Bridgeland community has the best hall and I love the ease of rent and the tool library.

Capital hill, Winston heights and renfrew all have quite great events. In particular have enjoyed the pub nights that are family friendly as well as craft brewing tastings.

Solar power at hillhurst.

Huntington hills, west hillhurst

Genesis Center & Vivo

Tuscany Community and Arbour Lake - great space for kids and youths. Especially the water park and gym facilities.

Park Road Calgary is basic yet newly workable. Lets not limit ourselves though, think "there is no box" type of thinking for the future.

Capital Hill building with pub facilities and preschool. Rocky Ridge connected to the wading pool.

I like the kensington facility, which incorporates in one building all sort of facilities that allow the community to come together, e.g., an ice rink, pre-school, pub, etc. I think there are currently many grants related to energy efficiency that should be considered, e.g., solar panel provincial subsidies, etc.

Capital hill's patio area is very nice and visibility to the playground area makes it a better rental venue. The choice between large (hall) and small (pub) spaces is also nice. Community centres that are "open" during the day to the public - with some unprogrammed spaces are nice ways to welcome members.

Capital Hill community centre windows and patio

N/A

spray park

CPKER CA is in the middle of building a beautiful new building that has most of the facilities that I think we need in MPCA, We might need to build a slightly larger facility to get all of our wishes.

Thornclyffe - bowling and cinema

Byemoor community hall has a fantastic kitchen

N/a

Have you seen other community association buildings or programming that has...

Thorncliff, bowling allies, squash would be a dream come true.

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Q15 - What are your biggest concerns about a new community centre?

What are your biggest concerns about a new community centre?

Cost. Quality of the build

Cost

Cost, loss of arena parking, does not follow three R's of Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Cost that MPCA would have to pay and how that impacts me personally.

Disorganized stakeholder and community engagement

Cost overruns and improper management and oversight of the project. Decision on the new community centre being made by a board that does not have construction experience.

I am concerned about the traffic and congestion with a new community center. I live very close to it and the park already attracts a lot of people. When parties are booked in the community center, there is quite a bit of noise into the late hours of the night.

That child care space will be lost.

cost and time overruns

Cost, and a generic looking building not unique or cohesive with an older community

The cost.

Getting the funding for this is less of a priority in our current economy. I believe a new community centre is a "nice to have" but Not a Need when compared to other issues in our city.

Increasing the size of the building and expanding into park green space

That it can be used thoughtfully for programs and community engagement.

The it meets the growing needs of the community.

The environmental footprint and the loss of history.

money, and calgary society to replace building, new is not always better

Mismanagement of construction/costs that will drive up total expense or the creation of a poorly designed building.

Costs and money wasted on poor design.

What are your biggest concerns about a new community centre?

Location, the present location on the lot is the best possible

parking noise

Noise, increased traffic and costs.

Timidity in proceeding before all funding is in place. 85% should be in place

Potentially getting something worse if design is poor/distasteful.

Cost

Correct design

Cost and time involved in fundraising.

Too expensive to build a new one. Current community centre is fine. Not environmentally friendly to demolish something that is still useful.

Cost.

Too expensive

already provided

It is unneeded and will cost more to the community than we are being told

Parking on the south end. Enjoy the grounds around the south end with trees and grass.

Gym facility, outdoor space and new playground

Affordability and expertise to get the project completed on budget

Raising the money for the building. Making sure that the design is functional but also iconic. It would be a shame to waste this opportunity to create a landmark in our community and design something blah.

Would want it to have programming for a range of ages to cater to all groups in the community.

That it will be the same design with no improvement, or ability to expand, on what programs are offered.

Only the costs to have it.

Money

Cost and cost over runs

non

I am primarily worried about cost overruns.

What are your biggest concerns about a new community centre?

Cost over runs

cost

The high costs.

The costs and increase traffic and usage from non Mt Pleasant residents.

Cost, but I see it as an investment in the community

Loss of income while renovating or building

Construction disruption.

I live very close to the existing one so I do have concerns around extra activity, traffic, and even a large structure blocking the sun or eroding privacy in my yard and home should I have windows or patios viewing on me.

Cost.

Raising the money.

construction mess, no access to programs

Cost to complete it.

Cost, lack of grant availability

Project/cost overruns

cost. But the cost of maintaining and old building is just as much, but with less reward

Cost

How long will it take

Cost

cost, maintenance, cost.

Increased user costs, loss of the programming I currently enjoy at the community building (especially dancing)

Expenses and increased taxes.

Cost, taking away history,

The inability to rent space while you're building a new structure.

Financing the hall

What are your biggest concerns about a new community centre?

Cost to build and cosy to maintain properly.

long term for renovations

Ensuring it fits the communities needs

Costs to community

Cost and noise.

The parking lot sits on a dry well- are you sure you can build on that?

Cost, hassles during construction

Carrying the borrowed construction cost

That it won't happen.

That is be designed in a way that is beautiful and will last for decades (i.e., not overly trendy). It should be well built with long term use in mind.

cost and design. need to have a community involvement for ideas - size, structure, lay out - i am sure there are lots of great ideas out there.

Community expertise in building new

The cost. Temporary impact to surrounding streets if there is temporarily no parking lot available.

Nothing

Safety around new construction site

Funding. We would need to understand what a realistic budget is for the facility we need and to the devise a strategy to access the funds required.

Intermediate and long term financial problems

What are the options for raising the required money?

Cost.

Parking, cost, impact to the pool and arena

Ensure it is big enough and well designed to incorporate the community needs

Cost

None.

That the floor will be replaced with poorer quality materials

What are your biggest concerns about a new community centre?

It won't be a complete solution and the overall product may end up being only a slight improvement to what may have been a renovation of the existing hall.

Parking while being built but road parking can work

how long it would take to raise the funds and whether it will be worth it for how much better it is.

Fear of cost overruns.

That we would lose the use of the existing facility to continue to offer school age licensed care to the families in this community. We would also put at risk the operation of our summer programs for school age children and this is a big concern as well.

The cost and funding it appropriately.

Insufficient use throughout the year.

Cost

Cost because grants not available for new construction

Cost and design.

The cost, and providing sufficient parking (seems like the City and many younger residents of the community are against anything to do with cars).

Disruption to existing programs and construction traffic, noise, and additional parking needs

The cost.

The cost.

None.

Cost creep

Lack of parking will cause people to park on my street. This is already an issue when large sporting or rental events cause overflow.

Operating costs will increase and so will costs for rentals

That they wouldn't consider all current programs when building, ie, playgroup.

I have no concerns I think it would do really well and be used constantly by individuals and group, as space is hard to find. Now is the time to do it and bring in community partners ie; The Plantation, various stores, Fundraisers. Having a retractable roof for the pool would also benefit. All this is doable with the right planning and thought.

That it would be a poor design.

cost

Disruption to the Filipino Martial Arts program.

What are your biggest concerns about a new community centre?

That it will no longer offer what I need, specifically a room that is the right size for my event, a stage and access to a kitchen.

Cost over-runs.

Cost.

Costs and management of the construction, and the facility itself

Loss of parking. Loss of programs while in building phase.

Cost

Time it will be closed to renovate or build new. Costs

Cost and ease of use

Be nice to have decent space for sports but most important is availability and programming for families.

Cost

will be a lot of \$, debt for future generations, may not need all the facilities

The cost.

Cost!

None

Cost and duration of construction.

More than one meeting room, and different sizes. My concern that it be overlooked to be well built or else do nothing.

Dollars to be raised

Community consultation, time and expense

Ongoing costs and affordability.

That it adds to the community and encourages more participation from the community.

My main concern would be that it may not take care of other facilities on site that could use a refresh - e.g., pool changing rooms. I think a new centre should also ensure that it cost effectively also addresses those concerns. The new facility could potentially be located such that it includes change rooms and an admin office for the pool and ice rink.

I respectfully suggest considering an HVAC system that allows for traditional indigenous ceremony (smudging). There are currently no spaces where indigenous folks can host weddings or other cultural celebrations within city limits. The indigenous community is growing and many organizations are recognizing the need to incorporate practices that are inclusive of indigenous peoples. There would be huge potential for rental revenue (daytime meetings and evening events) if MPCA embraced a "smudging-possible" space.

What are your biggest concerns about a new community centre?

Failure to address ongoing maintenance requirements in the design and selection of materials.

As said before cost and how funds would be raised.

The cost, I don't want the residents of Mount Pleasant stuck funding a building that most residents don't use via community association fees.

Space that doesn't work for all community members - I would love a space for gathering, for families.

We need to enhance the location. We should include a restaurant in the Park similar to Boxwood in Central Memorial Park or River Cafe in Princes Island Park. This would be a revenue generator for our community and allow for a better use of the park. For example going for lunch after a summer swim or a winter skate.

i would love to see some preschool/day care facility. And before/after care for children going to Rosemont School would be great.

Cost, time to complete

Cost

Cost, and how the community will respond to helping pay for a new building

Cost and disruption to programming

That it won't be built in my lifetime

Cost and the time needed for construction.

N/a

Will the community come forward with the funding to allow the construction to start.

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Q34 - What do you like and dislike about the current community hall?

What do you like and dislike about the current community hall?

Location

Location, serves the purpose

Like- location , size, history, warm feeling, ambience, well built cinderblock building, nice windows. Dislike basement (nonfunctional kitchen in basement), would like a nice sound system. Would like a deck on the west side.

Lack of simultaneous uses

I am neutral on the community hall. It functions as a central space for what is needed.

I like the character and size. The kitchen is a bit old and could use some renovating.

Like that the hall provides space for multiple groups, and multiple uses. Happy that the hall supports St. Josephs.

location is central - easy access

Like - historic building. Dislike: lower hall is dated, upper hall does not have separate meeting spaces to allow more than one group to use it at a time

I like the central location. However, its an extremely dated facility that my family and I do not frequent.

I like its location and I think with some repairs it could still be suitable for our community..

Like the heritage look. Dislike the old utilities

It's older, disjointed and dark.

I like the upstairs hall. The bathrooms need a major overhaul, and the basement needs work.

The bathrooms need to be Renovated and the basement kitchen and play area need to be renovated.

stage, wood floor.

Dislike that it is so dated.

Plain, not an open multi-level feel. Mostly empty hall space

Kitchen and bathrooms

noise from parties late at night

What do you like and dislike about the current community hall?

Not accessible friendly

It has ties to an older era which gives it character.

Not a comfortable gathering space

Old.

Dislike basement. Space is decent for some of the big event but very dated and poor lighting

chopped up, outdated kitchen.

Nice open space with a stage. Bathrooms could use upgrading.

Honey. It needs a kitchen and bathroom Reno on both floors. Walls need an updated colour.

The bathrooms are terrible

small but functional upstairs and down. Update the washrooms

I really appreciate the space reserved for kids and the separate space for other programs.

Disjointed, but it works. Knock some walls out and it would be more functional. Needs better washrooms

Feels comfortable not pretentious. Can relax there.

Old and tired playground. Very expensive and inflexible (4hr) rental

It has character

Not handicap accessible. Disjointed, separate entrances, hot, smelly. There is no clear "main entrance". It is very dark. Not something that we as a community can take pride in currently. Missed revenue opportunities for hosting large events (not attractive enough for weddings etc.). The location is good.

Nice big indoor space for events.

It is really dated.

There isn't a fitness gym with equipment, & the prices for what is offered is too high.

It is outdated. Often smells.

The bldg looks so much like 60 yrs old .. inside and out ... it is not a venue that many people would want to rent for many various functions nt for

We like the activities. We don't like that it's old.

A very friendly and accessible

What do you like and dislike about the current community hall?

It is old

If I was planning a party, wedding, etc., I wouldn't be impressed with the facility as it is.

Dislike the age of the building and access on the old stairs frightens me

old and dingy

Bathrooms, downstairs smells like urine, narrow parking spaces and I've often seen homeless people outside the facilities.

Kitchen is terrible for hosting events, basement is too cut up, poor use of space with storage. I like the open upper hall but washrooms are inadequate for events. Capacity is too small.

The space is awkward

Dated, would be nice if it was brighter maybe a deck

The current hall is very small.

Its just a hall, yes with a kitchen and washrooms and some extra space in the basement but essentially just a hall.

It is an old building with limitations on what it can offer in terms of programs.

I like the feeling of an old building.

could have more/larger washrooms

I like the flooring in the main hall. I like the fact it has a stage. I dislike the washrooms, the kitchen, and the lack of handicapped accessibility.

Washrooms, kitchen, lack of storage & secure storage, no drop off zone for seniors/handicapped, ramp up to Upper Hall & entrance.

Like location, size; dislike age

outdated and small for the growing community. Lacking facilities that would better support a decreasing age demographic

I think it's good enough

Like the location, the afterschool program. Dislike the old bathrooms in the basement (unhygienic).

Very bad programming

It is dated

there are various programs but the MPCA doesn't promote all that is going on there. should promote 3rd party programs too. or do more in-house events. leaves people to search on their own.

Beautiful wood flooring for dancing

What do you like and dislike about the current community hall?

LIKE: It is paid for! No debts. DISLIKE: Not large enough and sound of the kitchen interferes with meeting going on in the hall.

The size of the hall is great, many functional areas. The kitchen definitely needs attention!

Feels like it needs an update inside and out

its old and dark. the basement is not nice for kids

I looked at several community association centres before choosing Mount Pleasant. Mount Pleasant's main hall size and layout suits our needs well. We like having a stage, kitchen, large open area and separate area for cashiers (area close to the office).

visually closed off, not enough windows and natural light, larger patio/deck would invite more socializing/celebrating/gathering. right now the interior building is so isolated from outside space.

It is very cut up and dated. The washrooms are disgusting, the kitchen is 1959 vintage, there is no space for a Board Room. The building is not insulated and requires major updates

The basement, a highly used space, is disgusting.

love the gym space - washroom could be updated

Like: location and size of building. Dislike: kitchen, bathrooms, windows and entrance way to building. Lower hall is not accessible to all dies to narrow stairs

Nothing

The current hall is quite small

Like the floated wooden floor- dislike no windows in the basement where the kids are, and steep narrow staircase

Like: location Dislike: no bbq, lack of good indoor outdoor flow, steep stairs to lower hall

like - current site is central to the community dis-like the age of the building

Dark and dated, like some of the rustic feel

It isn't particularly flexible. There are only a finite number of activities that can be held in it.

dated - bathrooms not accessible, basement layout is a series of add ones, storage, upstairs kitchen is a mess

Lots of activities take place there and function successfully so it meets community needs. On the down side it's not a very attractive building - I probably wouldn't hold a wedding there.

Old

The basement bathrooms for after care need a serious upgrade

Inadequate washrooms both levels. Poor basement layout and utility of all spaces. Lack of meeting rooms. Inadequate kitchen facility. Poor layout of main floor space. I like the hall space and the flooring

What do you like and dislike about the current community hall?

Con: no gym or fitness facility

I like the activities but are not hall dependant. We use the lower hall for playgroup and it is in bad shape. I think a new hall will be safer for the kids. Also the lower hall has no access for wheelchairs and I think it should be. One day or another the city will require all public buildings to be accessible.

Not, small, outdated amenities

old building. Needs upgrades and not in keeping with the current feel of the community.

Old. Outdated. Dirty.

Love it.

The floor is the best. We would like to be able to cook in the kitchen

It's old, but has character

Dark, not enough windows, cold

I like that it seems to be used on a regular basis. I dislike how old and not very accessible it seems. It appears very dated and cobbled together.

It is pretty old and looking very tired and rundown. Also, access seems to be a bit of an issue for the elderly. Stair rungs outside are in desperate need of repair. Kitchen seems adequate for our use but could really do with modernizing.

The upstairs facilities are great, their attractive and bright. The downstairs entrance area is small and can become congested when all of our children are present. The downstairs washrooms are sadly lacking. It would be great to have more washrooms available downstairs.

its old

I haven't used it so no comment

Very "frumpy" design - doesn't represent the image of Mt Pleasant. Washroom facilities are poor.

It is dated and hard to maintain.

Chopped up, dated kitchen

Kitchen

It is a bit dated inside. Otherwise I think it fits the community well.

It is in a good location in the community. However it is old and dated and is probably expensive to maintain.

I like that we have one, though the events we have attended have been very packed and the layout doesn't seem ideal for hosting crowds.

Access to the building is awkward.

N/A

What do you like and dislike about the current community hall?

Old

Dark, dust, problems breathing

Excellent hardwood surface for our activities

nice WOOD floor for karate :)

The space is good. Besides the size it is dirty, dingy, old. The kitchen and bathroom are very bad, seem unsanitary. The ceiling looks unsafe in the basement.

The spaces, It's old, Poor spaces for the children, bathrooms are difficult, Kitchen is hard to work in and electrical is poor.

Feels closed in with limited windows. No outdoor area.

The main floor hard wood floor, open hall, comfortable chairs, parking.

Like - character and charm, main hall space and natural light. Dislike - dated washrooms and kitchen.

I like everything about the current hall

The open concept is nice, but not having multiple useable spaces is limiting.

The lower level is dated and unappealing. It's use is almost exclusively for children.

Sound accousticts

Like that it Fits with the community. Heritage. Dislike that it is outdated and the toilets don't work and plumbing smells.

Dislike: Chopped up and out dated. Like: location

Old and dingey

It's small with no AC and no separate rooms for dedicated functions. I love the location

It's lack of decent space for hosting events. It's very dated and old. I imagine operating and maintenance is quite high.

It is not a space that was designed for current residents, just a collection of rooms

location

I like it as is, just needs some renovations to extend its servuce life.

Old, very dated

I need space to rent for playing Badminton

Small space especially the kids area downstairs. Also the functionality.

What do you like and dislike about the current community hall?

Its a great meeting place. Its old old old, we need better.

Kichen needs huge upgrade

Dislike: old and mismatched and limited.

Not great for meetings, no decent screen and projector.

It does not have a proper entrance. The building has few windows. Unless there was renovation in the past 10 years the basement was a dark hole for the after school programs.

it is getting old and is likely expensive to maintain (e.g., energy inefficient). Also could be a better community hub in terms of services it offers.

The lighting and the accessibility. The building feels separate from the outdoor space sun

Lack of windows, character and appears unwelcoming

It's pretty rundown downstairs, could definitely use a refresh.

It is a large building, in a central location of the community with access to the nearby sportsplex and pool.

Old, pieced apart, small. Love the location.

It is way too old and obsolete.

like the location. would like to rent basement for childrens party but its not accessible for elderly grandparents with mobility issues and the basement kitchen is pretty much useless.

Washrooms are gross

I like that it's well used, I don't like that the basement isn't very nice.

Good flooring terrible kitchen

Too cut up. Washrooms are dreadful. Not enough meeting spaces. Very old,

Proximity - like it

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Q35 - What would you like to see in a new community hall?

What would you like to see in a new community hall?

Warm.

wheelchair accessible, also washrooms.functional kitchen

NA

Multi purpose and functional. Main floor, basement and upper floor.

Nothing. The current community hall serves everyone just fine.

A fitness area and equipment for drop in use.

Child care space. A hub for the soccer league. Outdoor seating. A gathering place for the winter months. A gathering space for youth.

Character reflecting the age of the community (e.g. the north mt pleasant art centre retained the old schoolhouse while still adding modern spaces).

Lots of family programming on the weekends - events, markets

I don't support this at this time but if it goes ahead it should accommodate seniors as that's the demographic that will continue to grow in the next 40 years.

Renovated, but not bigger

Bright, spacious, welcoming.

More accessibility for wheelchairs.

More and better light. To make it feel airier and lighter. Good spaces for children

none

Gym/fitness area. Modern building exterior with landscaping. Coffee shop.

Useful, functional spaces.

Full kitchen that can be rented and used for cooking by renters and community groups

maint free

Eco conscious construction and operation

What would you like to see in a new community hall?

Fitness/gym area and stuff for kids.

Multi purpose rooms so groups could meet comfortably for their activity (quilt making group, book club)

Bright, fresh, modern

Technology options, up-to-date kitchen

Nothing. Keep the current one.

no new community hall

A local exercise facility (cardio machines and weights) would be fantastic!

Flexibility in use - movable walls, curtains etc.

I wouldn't

Modern kitchen.

Level soccer field, patio, new playground and facade upgrade

Nothing not in favour of a new hall

Something attractive, functional, and is desirable for rentals such as weddings etc. Bright, large windows. Multiple rooms available for booking. A clear, main entrance. Something the community can take pride in.

Nice outdoor space. Potential for multiple uses/programs in the building.

A friendly welcoming atmosphere

More programs available to ALL age groups, not just the toddlers and the elderly. I also like to see the cost of classes reduced a little, OR offer a monthly membership. I think Mount Pleasant resident's should get a discount for being a resident e.g. for group fitness have a monthly membership card for \$70 for residents of Mount Pleasant, but non-residents would be charged \$100.

New !! Better modern kitchen , bar area for certain functions .

Family washroom.

Nothing I can think of at this time

a refurbished indoor gym open in the winter

Windows!!!! Natural light and an outdoor deck.

Ability to host events ie weddings, family events

more interesting gathering spaces for families, better flow into the park and pool (patio or other outdoor space)

What would you like to see in a new community hall?

Multi purpose rooms, priority for Mt Pleasant residents, large windows or brighter lights, seasonal concession stand.

Larger open center for ability to host bigger events, better kitchen for catering.

Logical flow between rooms with good access to the common areas

Deck, outdoor bbq area

more amenities.

I'd like a library even if its a small one like in the Rocky Ridge Y, the ability to reserve books online and pickup (and drop-off) in Mt. Pleasant would be great. I also would like to see an artificial ice (a must with frequent chinooks) outdoor rink or two - definitely one for shinny and another for skating/shinny, both lit at night, and both with access to a warming hut or place to put skates on/off, use the washroom, slurp from the water fountain, all without taking your skates off. On the water fountain note - lots of those new ones that fill your water bottle for you. Ideally washrooms are all touch-free - no doors like at the airport where you just weave through, auto soap, auto faucets, auto or foot operated flush, quiet air hand dryers. Free wi-fi too.

Pub, weights/cardio gym with indoor track, indoor and outdoor swimming pools with watersides and wave pool and lazy river and lanes for swimming, hot tubs, steam rooms, saunas, indoor/outdoor tennis courts, gymnasium for basketball, volleyball, pickle ball, etc. , curling rinks (what a social activity), multiple sheets of ice, secure bike parking, coffee shop, large multi-use areas for Town Halls, and such.

Fitness facilities, better kids play area, hall rental facilities.

More modern kitchen facilities, more modern washrooms

above

Modern kitchen to improve experience for users (especially rentals). Separate small meeting rooms. Better storage for chairs and tables.

Proper entrance for seniors & handicapped, better storage

Aesthetically pleasing, rec centre with activities, coffee type/library/hangout place potentially, good for kids & youth

kitchen and patio for rentals/community events, large open space for gatherings and a possible daycare/after school care space to complement outdoors in inclement weather

Sorry, I'm not one to answer that

Additional room for the playgroup and afterschool.

Vibrant activities

Bright space, inviting space, multipurpose

space needs to look more modern. obviously not a Setan/ Rocky Ridge YMCA but something nicer to draw people in. a place to gather not just to rent to businesses

continued inclusion of a large dance-space/hall, accessible family programming

Gym, meeting rooms, kitchen, day care, after school, etc. Three or four stories to better utilize 'land space'.

What would you like to see in a new community hall?

lots of light

Ability to accommodate different user groups at same time. No support pillars that are hard to work around/impede view. Good accessibility, adequate parking. Similar layout to current upstairs main hall.

it would be great to see inside/outside flexibility that is cohesive and tied together in an attractive design. Large deck/patio facing west. encourage community/social/celebration.

A fitness room, a board room and one or two smaller meeting rooms.

gym space

Proper kitchen, good wide bathrooms, community bulletin board, sound system, wheelchair accessible

More space, a large kitchen. Having our own MPCA pub would be a great idea.

More natural light

Patio space with seating and bbq for small parties

Preschool

dedicated pre-school area. better catering kitchen, gym for winter sports activities

Accessible and adaptable space that welcomes everyone in the community.

Bright and open, storage for community soccer

A children's play area that is above ground

good kitchen for events - not commercial, nice bar area for events, ability to partition areas into smaller spaces, efficient bathrooms

Lots of light and flexibility

High efficiency heating and cooling systems. Accessibility is a primary consideration. Something with efficient spaces but that incorporates some elements of Mount Pleasant's traditional/historical architectural elements.

Larger bathrooms, state of the art kitchen

Remedies to the above mentioned inadequacies.

gym or fitness facility

Arena for indoor sports (basketball etc...). Could include a gym with a membership, which will bring continuous income to community. More effort on recycling, energy conservation/water conservation. An outside communication board with an event calendar. A room/foyer where community members can meet and chat. And more trees around the facility and playground.

Light open accessible available to community members at reduced rates, hub for youth and children, embraces local schools and businesses

What would you like to see in a new community hall?

More space. A more modern appearance.

Flex spaces that serve the needs of everyone.

More notice of events to get neighbours together.

Cooking facilities

Multi-use rooms and a multi-purpose gym. Integration with the pool and skating rink so they aren't separate facilities.

Lots of window, plants, living wall, art

Public washrooms. Larger "hall" for big events like soccer year end party. It would be nice to have a preschool and/or daycare (can we build a space and lease it out to a company like Kids and Company?). More natural light and public space for socializing (pub!).

Definitely better access for elderly and people with mobility issues, a couple of smaller meeting / presentation rooms, better chair storage, large screen and projector and sound system for presentations.

Better washroom facilities (more stalls, more sinks, toilets that don't clog up etc. Big windows on both floors are great. AT least as much space that is already available for offering school age care programs.

As mentioned previously.

More natural light, different sized rooms for different events.

Small meeting room(s). Modern kitchen

Decent kitchen and bathrooms

Somehow new community hall should recognize the history and character of Mount Pleasant.

Kitchen/banquet facilities (for rentals), sufficient parking.

Unique design elements. More than just a big box.

Better layout and use of space.

More light, better kitchen facilities.

A community pub would be great. The area has nothing to offer currently.

Exercise facilities, updated space, bright basement

wood floor and more square footage :)

Clean, safe and bright.

What would you like to see in a new community hall?

Functional spaces that are simple but beautiful. Proper day care facilities, New bathrooms, wiring and flooring and I could go on. I also think an proper office space with a meeting room would be beneficial. Nickie Should be hired 4 days per week to allow for a proper website, bookings, and the volunteer board should be expanded.

Large deck. Pub. Activities for children.

Add a couple meeting rooms, more practical stage (not as high) with a projector screen

Updated washrooms, kitchen and change room with optional lockers.

A large main hall with additional useable spaces for concurrent uses.

Multiple spaces. Meeting room, fitness room, children's area (preschool/before after school care) and hall rental with ability to accommodate a moderate size. (Maybe 200pp)

Yes

Space for community to gather. Large windows. Large space for rental plus pub.

A building that has a good kitchen and can be used for party rentals. Small meeting room space would be really great too!

More activities and classes held in several different rooms

Sufficient event space, play areas, work out facilities.

Dedicated spaces for after school care and preschool care. Gym space. A space that is nice enough to rent out for weddings and events to recoup costs. This would mean a full kitchen catering space

pub

Nice bright rooms, good kitchen, good parking, accessible to all.

Badminton hall

Bigger hall.

research ideas, start an idea committee, even a site on the internet such as <http://www.hme.ca/sdplans/A%20Practical%20Guide%20to%20Creating%20a%20Sustainable%20Community%20Building.pdf>

Integration with existing facilities - pool and rink.

Good screen & projector, then i might rent facility for society meetings, if affordable.

More inviting spaces for all activities,

A pub/craft brew pub, daycare and pre-school would be great.

A "smudging-possible" space.

What would you like to see in a new community hall?

A space that connects inside and outside spaces and adds to the character of the community.

Better meeting areas, separate fitness area.

A kitchen, better entrance area with boot/coat racks, perhaps a stroller parking area

Socializing areas for families, a mobile library/learning area, more activity space for different groups. Bulletin board for community events, postings from members about services/anything interesting.

Restaurant in the park, meeting places, lots of windows and at grade access to create a nice street scape.

Clean washrooms, better access for handicap people

Small meeting room(s), more useful basement facilities

Better washrooms

Exercise facility

Exercise facility

End of Report