

LEWIS FARMS FACILITY & PARK



DETAILING THE DESIGN
PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

**WHAT WE
HEARD**



SUMMARY

Background

In 2014, City Council approved funding for the schematic design of the Lewis Farms Facility and Park. The project is delivered by a collaboration of representatives from Edmonton Public Library, Edmonton Catholic School District, and several representatives from the City of Edmonton (architects, facility planners, facility operators, recreation programmers, and others).

The starting point for the design was based upon two Council approved plans: the 2007 Medium Term Recreation Facility and Sports Field Plan and the 2011 Lewis Farms Functional Program (high level plan). An updated facility and park program was developed based upon the Sharing Ideas public engagement.

In early 2016, the City retained services of an architectural team (Saucier + Perrotte Architects and Stantec Architecture Ltd.) to use the facility and park program to develop concept options. At the Exploring Options public engagement we presented the concept options to gather feedback from the community, potential

users, and stakeholders. Based on the feedback, application of City standards, and architectural analysis, the facility and park concepts were refined to form a draft schematic design for the facility and park.

The draft schematic design was shared at the fall 2016 Setting the Direction engagement; participants were asked about their satisfaction with the design and whether they felt the design met the needs of the community. The findings from this engagement were presented to City Council and the schematic design for the facility and park was approved.

At the spring 2018 Detailing the Design engagement, we presented a draft detailed design and asked for feedback on change rooms, washrooms, and the indoor playground. Through analysis of the feedback and internal discussions with facility operators and the design team, a final design was completed. We are excited to share this final design on pg. 21 of this report.



**YOUR IDEAS,
YOUR VISION,
YOUR DIRECTION...
IN ACTION!**



AQUATIC ACTIVITIES

- aquatic facility providing a second competitive training venue in Edmonton
- 25x35m deep tank with springboards and dive platforms that will support synchronized swimming, water polo, and diving
- spectator seating for local and regional competitions
- leisure & wave pool
- tot pool
- 25x54m lane pool
- hot tub and steam room
- slide
- lazy river



MULTI-PURPOSE

- indoor playground
- child minding space
- 4 multi-purpose rooms



FACILITY SUPPORT

- lobby area
- washrooms and change rooms
- food retail units
- commercial retail unit
- administration space
- storage space



INDOOR GYMNASIUM

- three gymnasiums
- large playing surfaces
- assembly areas that can be divided into smaller functional areas



INDOOR ARENA

- twin NHL indoor rinks
- outdoor leisure ice
- skate rental kiosk

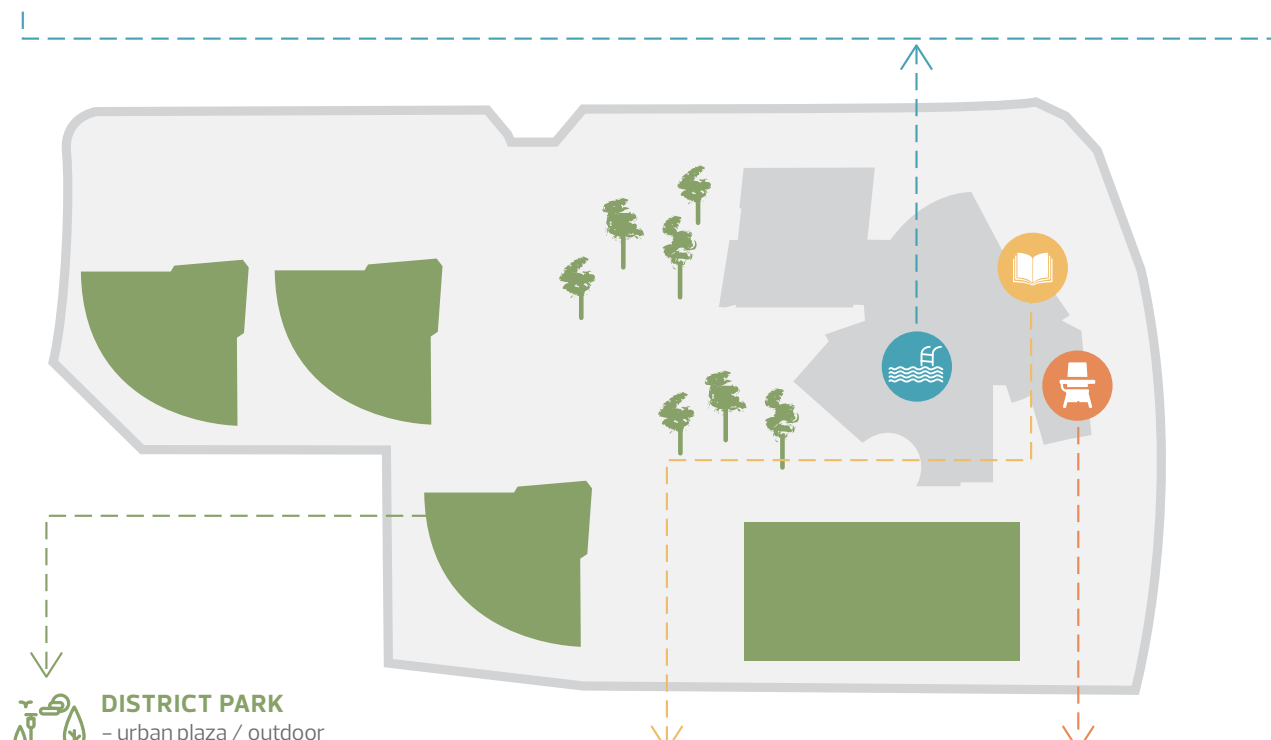


FITNESS & WEIGHT TRAINING

- large cardio and weight training area
- 2 fitness studios
- non-competitive running / walking track
- olympic lifting



100 FT. WIDE BOULDERING WALL



DISTRICT PARK

- urban plaza / outdoor social gathering area
- diamond and rectangular sports fields
- open green space
- tennis and basketball courts
- interactive water experience
- public washrooms
- parks operations satellite service yard
- picnic area
- table tennis
- outdoor fitness area
- outdoor skateboard park



LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

- medium sized community branch
- library material borrowing
- public computers
- community room
- quiet study and reading spaces
- children and teen areas
- makerspace for developing digital literacy skills
- administration spaces

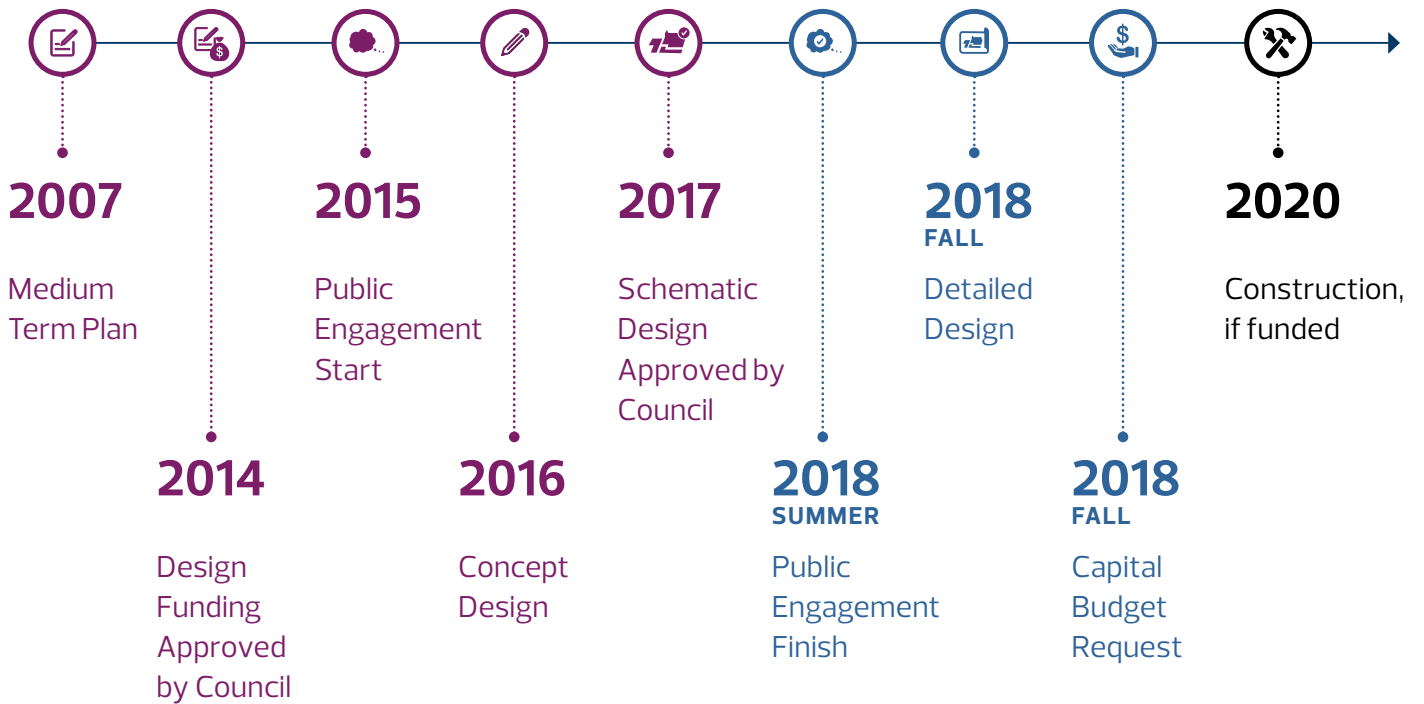


ACADEMIC CENTRE

- standard and outreach classrooms
- food lab
- science lab
- child care space
- administration spaces

PROCESS

The Lewis Farms Facility and Park Project Timeline



DETAILING THE DESIGN ENGAGEMENT

Engagement Overview

This section focuses on the Detailing the Design engagement. It includes a description of the engagement activities, how we communicated with the public and stakeholders, who participated, and how they participated.

Also included is an analysis of the results from the Detailing the Design engagement which was used to finalize the design of the facility and park. A separate What You Said report can be found on our website which details all the feedback received from the public and stakeholders from this round of engagement.

presented to the public and stakeholders during the Detailing the Design engagement. We asked you about the inclusive change rooms and washrooms, pool themes and toys, indoor playground themes and activities, and the bouldering wall. We also gathered general feedback about the facility and site designs.

We used your feedback and balanced it against other inputs such as City policies, best practices, and experience from other facilities to make decisions on changes to the design. The diagram below shows how decisions are made as part of the engagement process.



Based on the feedback and analysis from previous engagements, a draft detailed design was completed. The design was

The decisions that were made during Detailing the Design are presented on page 20.



How We Communicated

We used the following ways to get the word out about the Detailing the Design Engagement Session:

Area Maildrop, Road Signs, Project Web Page, Community League Newsletter, Facebook, Twitter, Email Invites, Committee Meetings, 311 Scripts, City of Edmonton Events Calendar

How You Participated

Public In-Person Engagement: We hosted a public engagement session at the David Thomas King School. Those who could not attend the engagement session were invited to fill out the online survey.

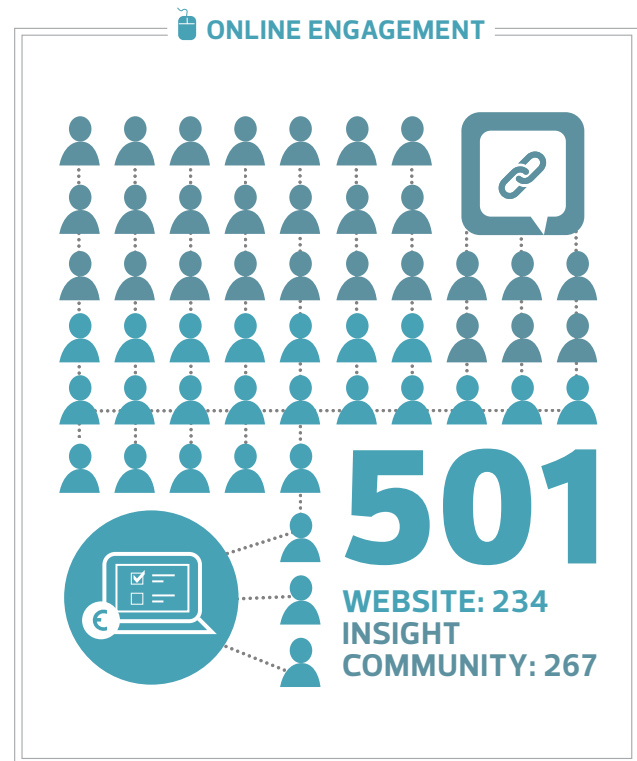
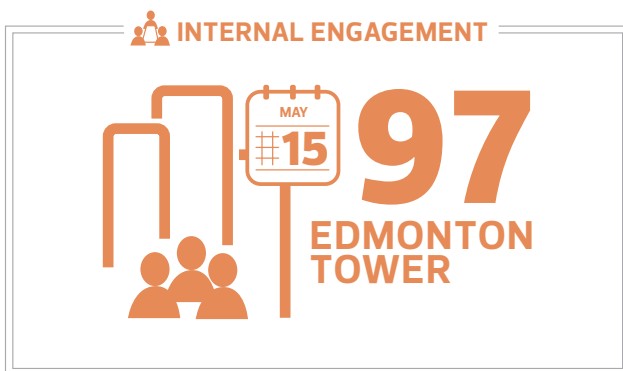
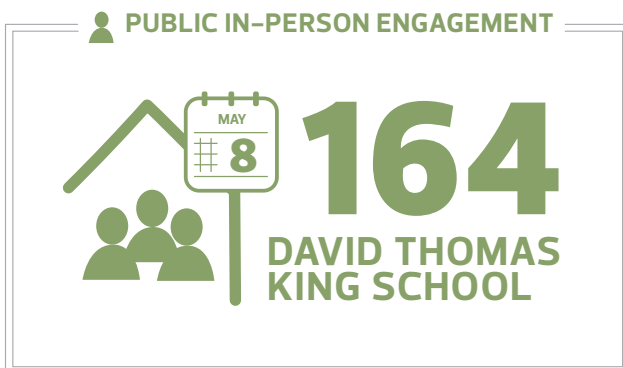
Internal Engagement: An engagement event took place to gather the thoughts of City staff that plan and work in/with recreation facilities and parks.

Online Survey: Accessed through edmonton.ca/lewisfarmsfacilityandpark. A survey link was also posted on edmonton.ca/surveys. Survey respondents were asked to fill out this survey through our engagement network (i.e. user committees, community leagues, etc.) by email and Canada Post admail notifications.

Insight Panel Survey: Accessed through edmontoninsightcommunity.ca. The Edmonton Insight Community is a group of Edmontonians that provides feedback on City policies, initiatives, and community issues through online surveys. Panel members from across Edmonton were asked if they would like to opt-in to complete the Lewis Farms Facility and Park online survey.

Sports User Committees: Meetings were held with the Aquatics Users Committee, the Gymnasiums Users Committee, and the Arenas Users Committees.

Stakeholders: Meetings were held with members from the Enoch Cree Nation, the Edmonton Skateboard Association, and the Alberta Climbing Association.



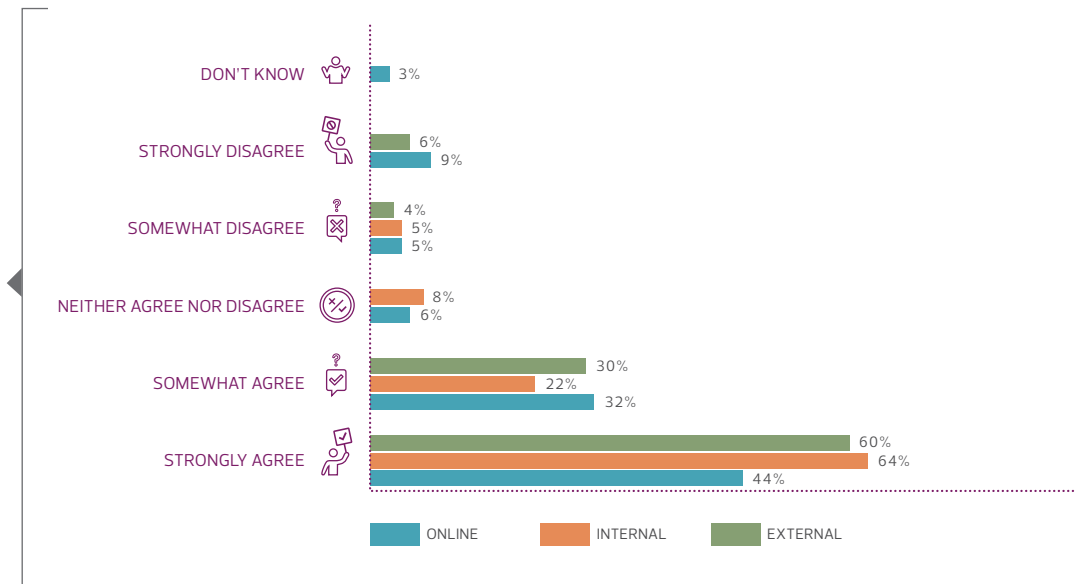
DETAILING THE DESIGN FEEDBACK

As part of Detailing the Design, we showed you designs, photorealistic images, and asked you questions to help inform the detailed design. This section includes an analysis of the feedback collected from the public in-person engagement, the internal engagement, and online survey.

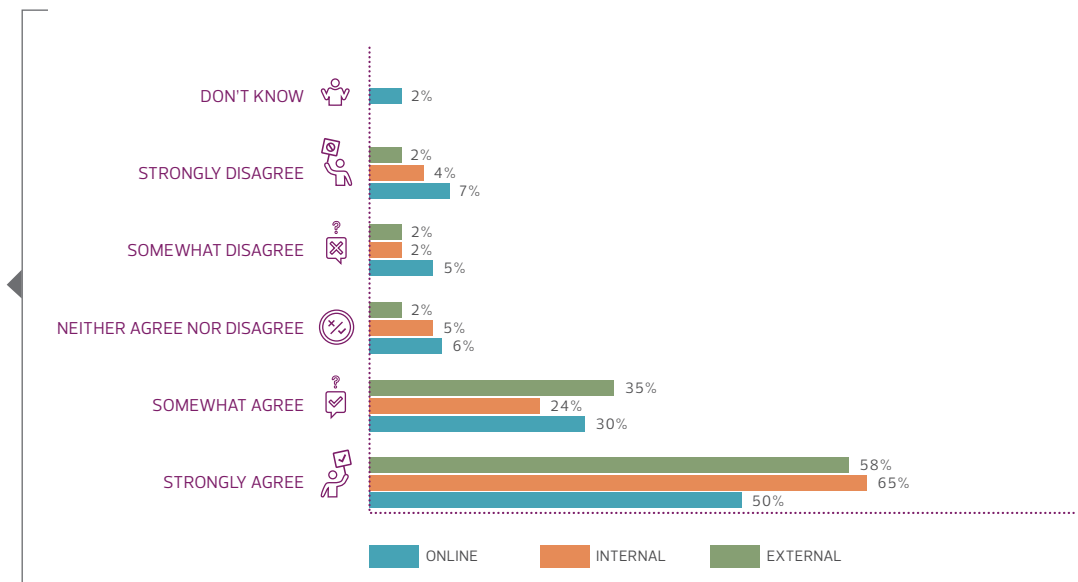
Inclusive Aquatic Change Room (Wet)

We asked you to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements:

1. The design for the inclusive aquatic change room provides a **safe and secure place to change.**



2. The design for the inclusive aquatic change room provides **privacy when changing.**

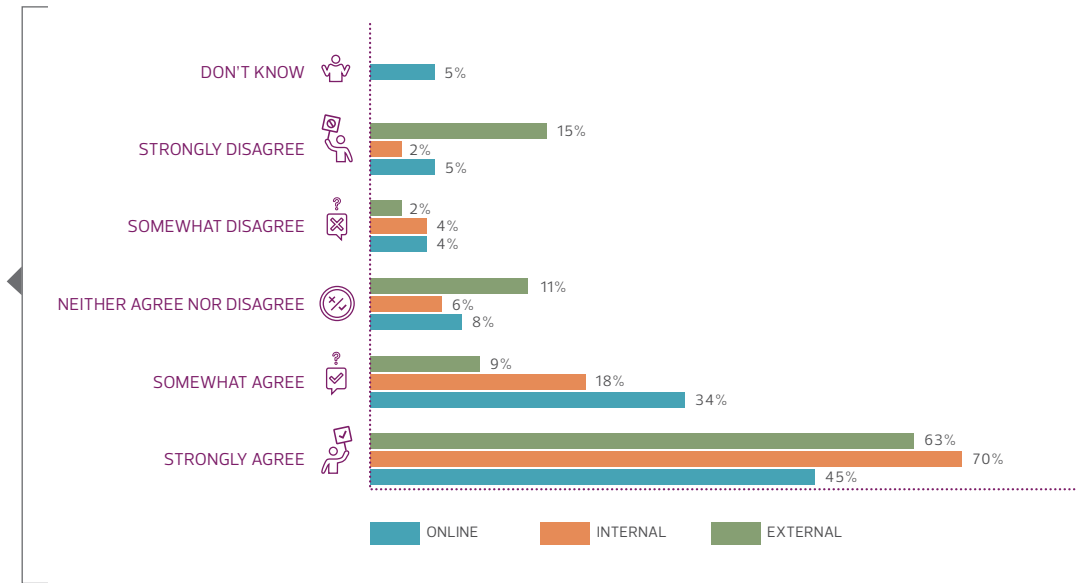


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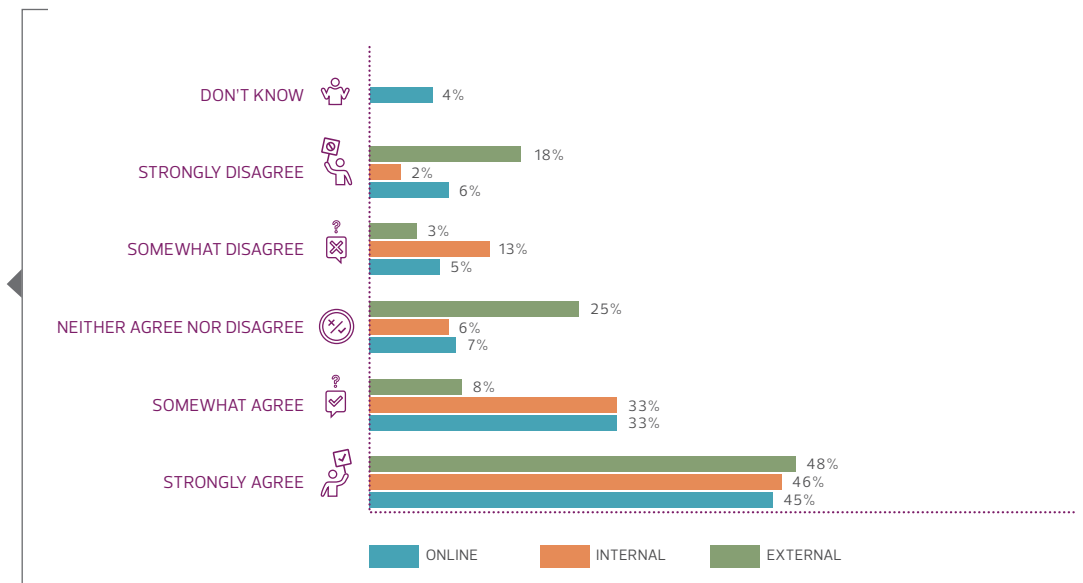
Inclusive Dry Change Room

We asked you to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements:

1. The design for the inclusive dry change room provides a **safe and secure place to change.**













2. The design for the inclusive dry change room provides **privacy when changing.**

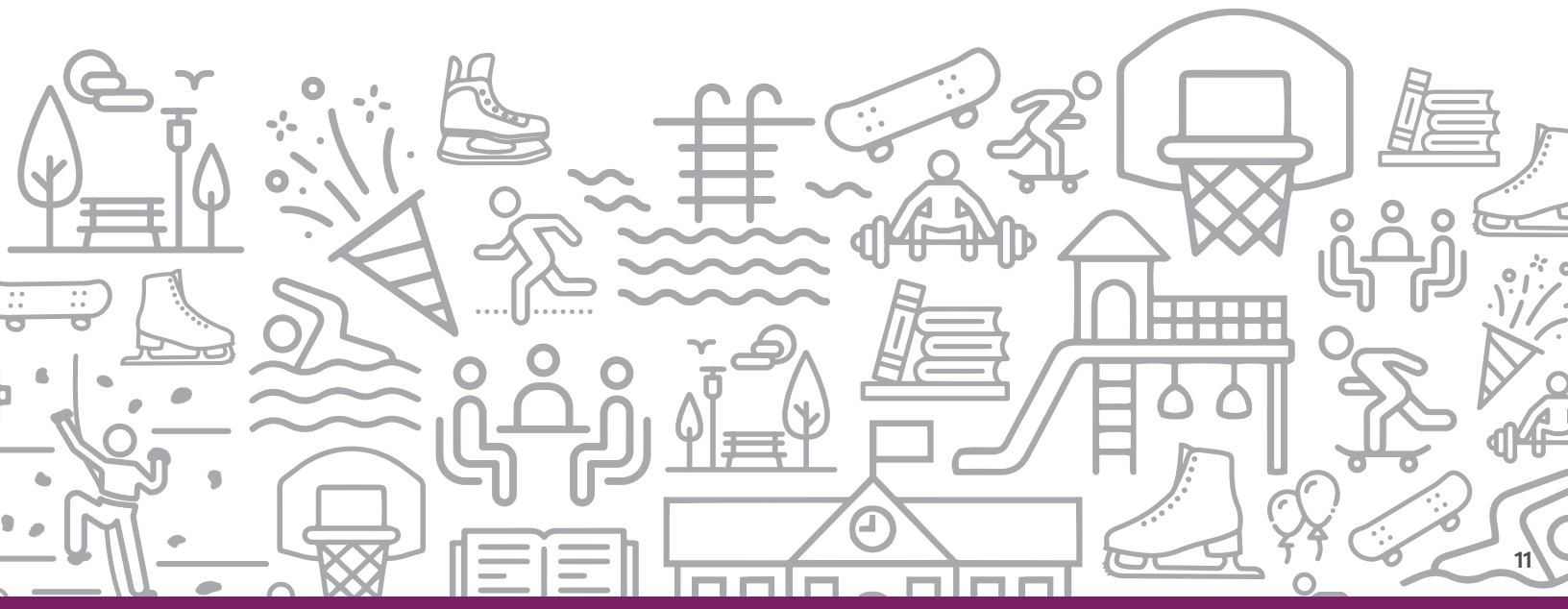


Inclusive Dry Change Room

Feedback Themes

You provided comments about the inclusive dry change room design. Comments were grouped into themes and are presented below.

Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied
<p> 57 Supportive of the design.</p> <p> 4 Feel safer in open change rooms.</p> <p> 4 Good to see a design that creates a safe place for all people.</p>	<p> 25 Concerns with long line ups and slow turnover time.</p> <p> 7 Would feel more safe if there are staff of both genders regularly monitoring the change room.</p> <p> 7 Benches are needed to put on shoes and place items before storing them in lockers.</p> <p> 3 Need personal grooming spaces.</p>	<p> 35 Unsupportive of the design.</p> <p> 27 Gender-specific change rooms are preferred.</p> <p> 26 Does not feel safe when anyone can walk into the change room.</p> <p> 9 Would like no gaps under the change room stalls for more privacy.</p> <p> 8 Options for gender-specific change rooms should be available.</p>

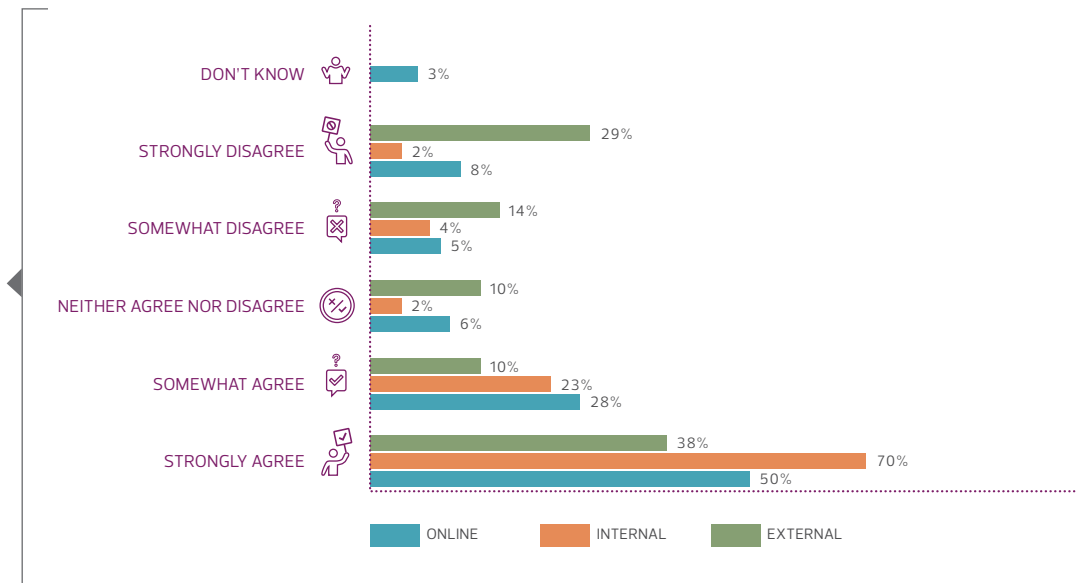


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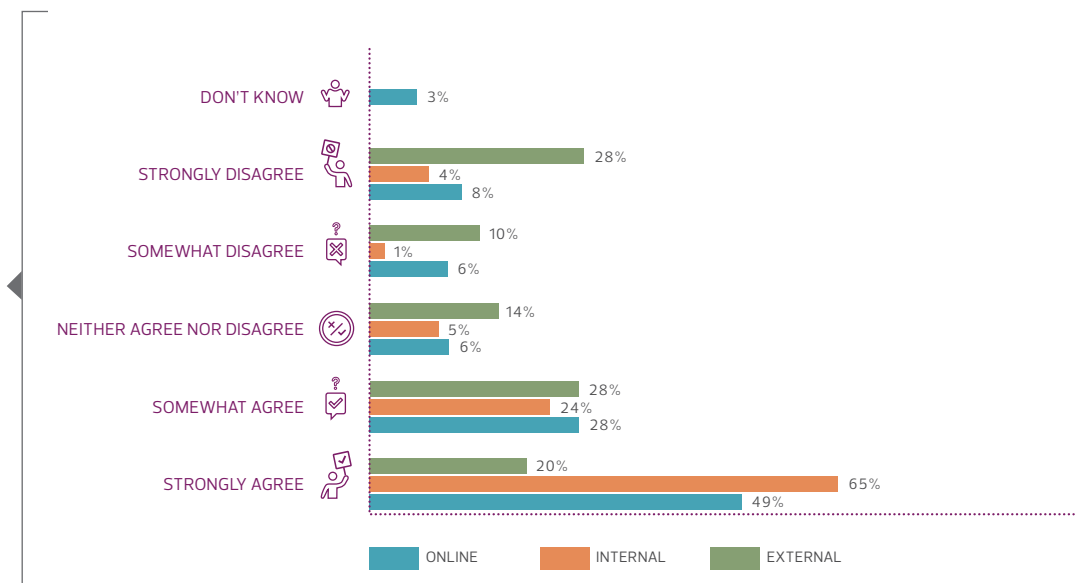
Inclusive Washrooms

We asked you to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements:

1. The design for the inclusive washrooms provides a **safe and secure place.**



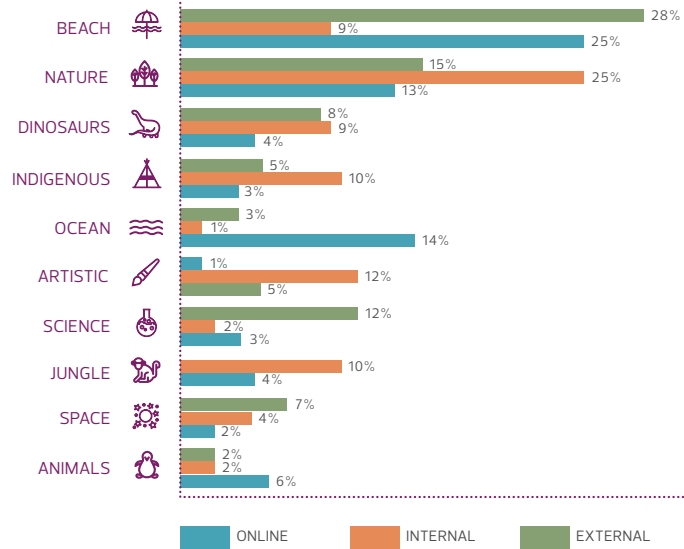
2. The design for the inclusive washrooms provides **privacy.**



DETAILING THE DESIGN FEEDBACK

Aquatic Centre Leisure Pool & Tot Pool Theme

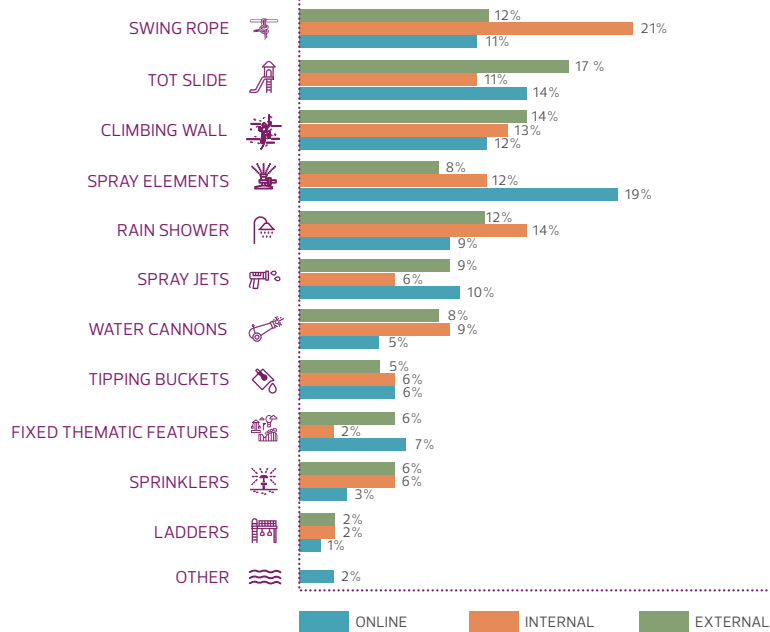
We asked you to choose the most appealing themes from a list.



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Aquatic Centre Leisure Pool and Tot Pool Toys







We asked you to choose the toy that you would like to see the most from a list.

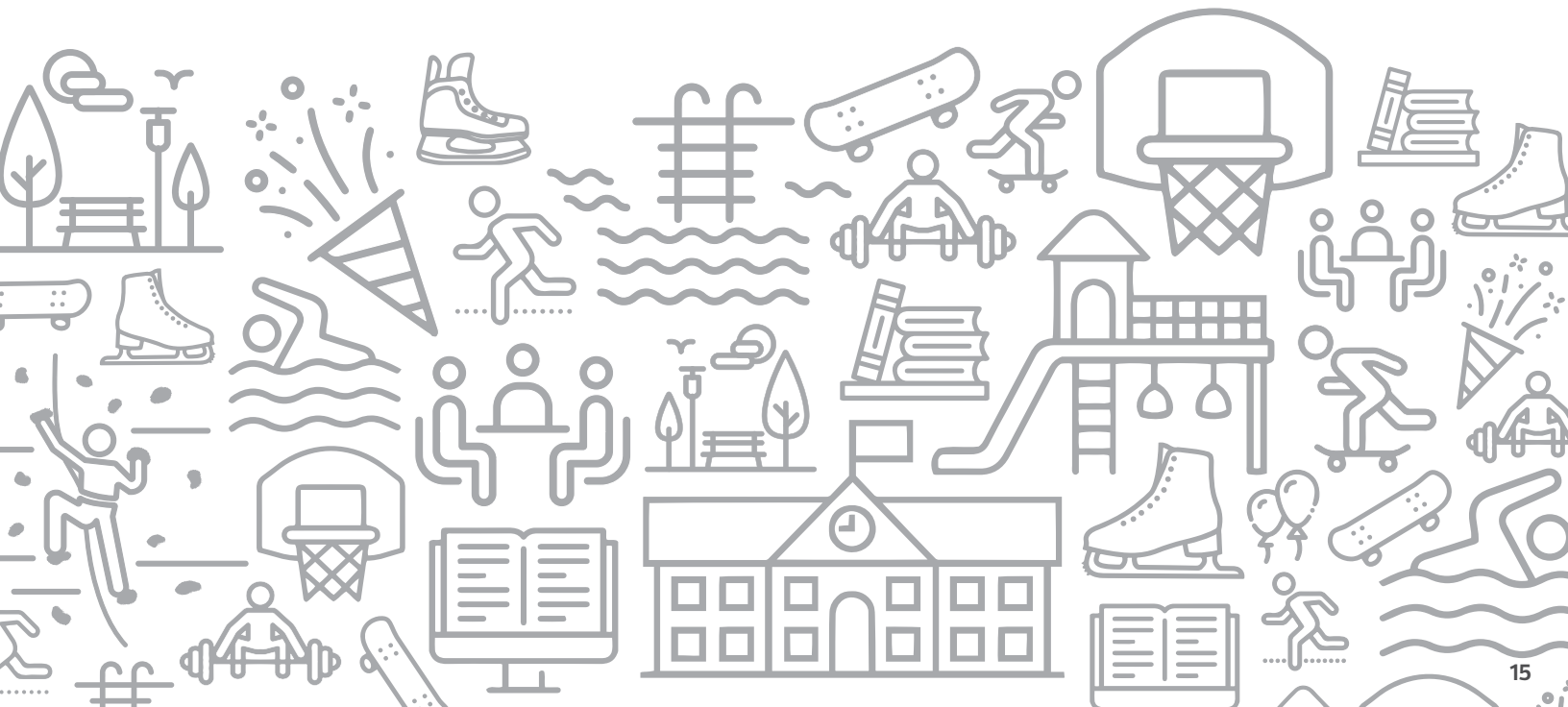


Aquatic Centre General Feedback

We asked you to review the layout of the aquatic centre and provide feedback to help us inform the design.

You provided comments about the aquatic centre design.
Comments were grouped into themes and are presented below:

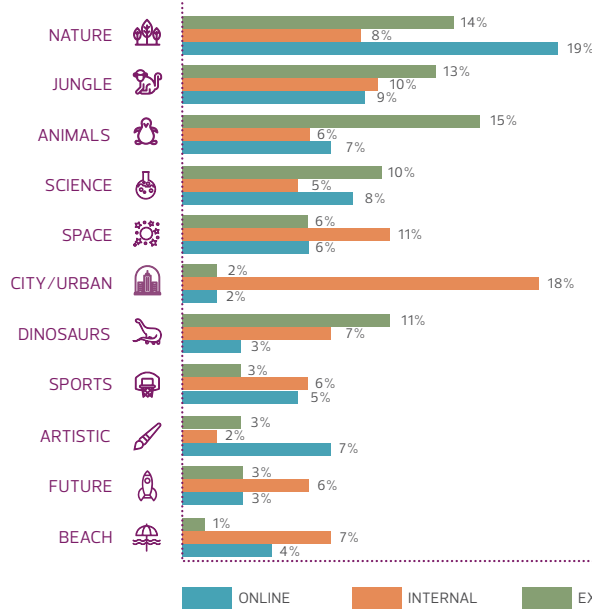
-  **17** Supportive of the design.
-  **10** Preference for no theme.
-  **6** Make sure there is plenty of seating in viewing areas.
-  **5** Connect the pool and lazy river.
-  **3** Make the temperature in the toddler pool warmer.
-  **3** Climbing rope and zipline as additional pool toys.



DETAILING THE DESIGN FEEDBACK

Indoor Playground Theme

We asked you to choose the theme that you liked the most from a list.

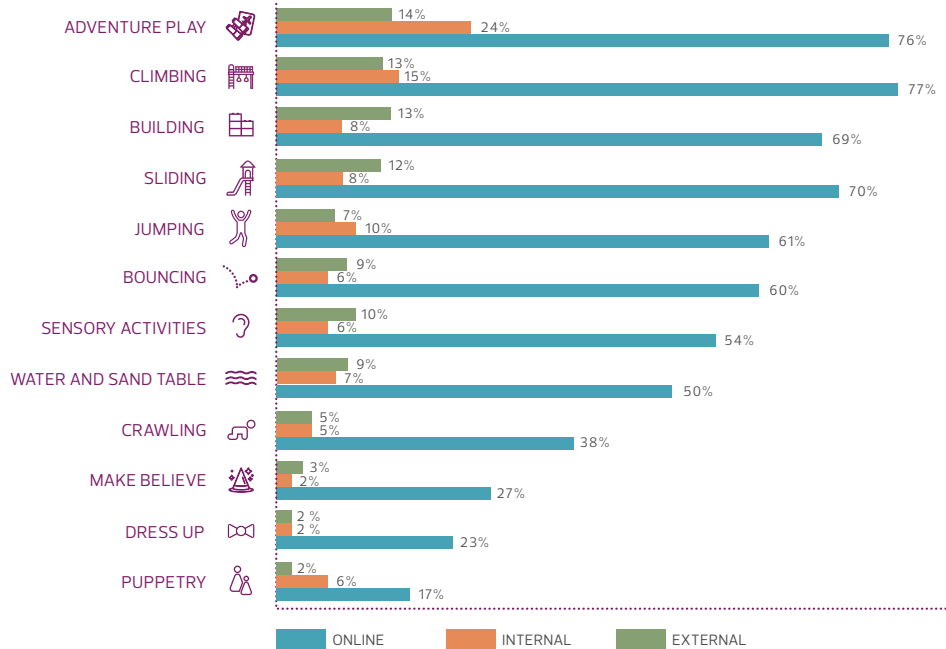


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Indoor Playground Activities

We asked you to choose activities that your child **would** participate in (graph to the right) and which activity your child is **most likely** to participate in (table below).



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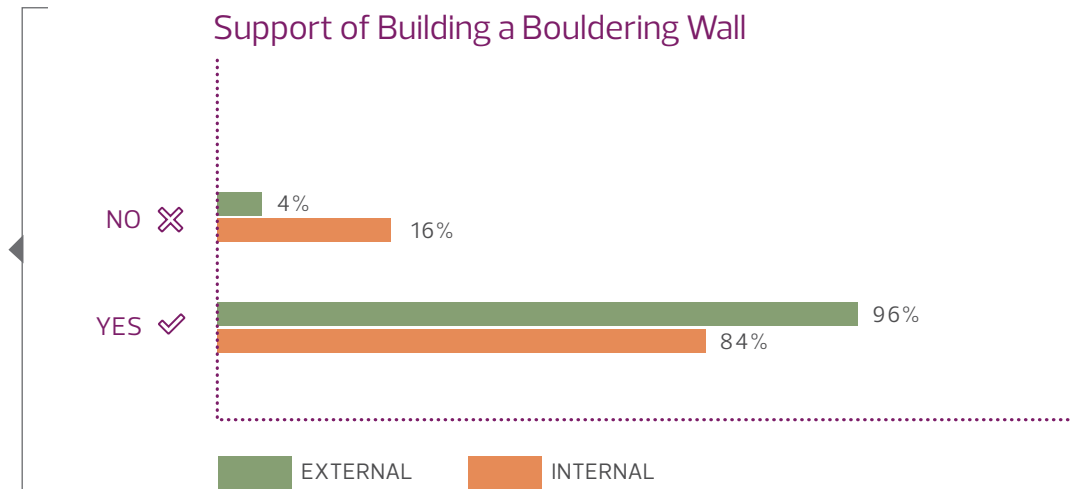
Top 5 Choices

- ADVENTURE PLAY
- CLIMBING
- SLIDING
- BUILDING
- WATER AND SAND TABLE

DETAILING THE DESIGN FEEDBACK

Bouldering Wall

We asked whether you and/or your family would use this amenity.



Of the people who said they would not use the bouldering wall, we asked why not. Comments were grouped into themes and are presented below:

- 8 **11** No interest in the bouldering wall.
- 8 **10** Too old to be able to use the bouldering wall comfortably.
- 8 **6** Physical restrictions or medical concerns would prevent the future use of the wall.
- 8 **4** Safety concerns were expressed in terms of wanting harnesses and staff to be available to participants.











DETAILING THE DESIGN FEEDBACK

Additional Comments

We asked you to provide any other comments you have about the Lewis Farms Facility and Park.

Comments were grouped into themes and are presented below:

-  **12** Support the construction of the project as there is a need in the west end of the city.
 -  **10** Support amenities for outdoor activities.
 -  **9** Like the design.
 -  **6** Make sure the facility is winter-friendly.
 -  **5** The drop off zone and parking spaces should be safe and accessible.
 -  **5** Incorporate nature (trees, plants) into the facility.
 -  **4** The skate park is a great addition.
 -  **3** The water features will be enjoyed by all.
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DETAILING THE DESIGN FEEDBACK

Event Feedback



To help us improve our future engagement sessions, we asked you to fill out an event evaluation form.

Overall, the majority of people that went to the public in-person and internal engagement events felt that we did a good job providing people opportunities for input. Here are some of our learnings from the event and suggestions for improvement for future engagement activities.

Things you liked at the engagement session:

-  **6** Lots of information and visuals.
-  **3** Talking to knowledgeable City Representatives.
-  **3** Seeing feedback from previous sessions incorporated into the design.
-  **2** Child-friendly event.

Things we could do better:

-  More staff to explain the background of the project.
 -  3D models for better visualization.
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DETAILING THE DESIGN DECISIONS

What We Decided

During the Detailing the Design engagement you provided feedback and answered our questions. We used that feedback to make changes to the design and to make decisions on elements in the project. Some of your feedback is not included because it's too early for the detail level of this phase, but it will not be forgotten as we move forward in the design of the project. Here is a summary of the decisions we made and why.



Inclusive Change Rooms and Washrooms

The project team analyzed the results of the Detailing the Design engagement where we asked you whether you felt the design of the inclusive change rooms and inclusive washrooms provided safety, security, and privacy.

While you showed general support for the inclusive spaces, some of you expressed concerns with the current design. Based on that feedback we decided to modify the design.

- If a patron prefers to use a gender specific change room, there are male and female change rooms in the aquatic centre that can be accessed by users of the pool, gymnasiums, and fitness centre.
- Every level of the recreation centre will have inclusive washrooms as well as male and female washrooms.



Aquatic Themes and Toys

You chose **beach** as the leisure & wave pool and tot pool theme. You also chose the **swing rope** and **tot slide** as your top pool toys. These will be considered as we move forward in design.



Playground Themes and Activities

You chose **nature** as the playground theme, and **adventure play** and **climbing** as top activities your child would participate in. These will be incorporated into the playground as we move forward in design.

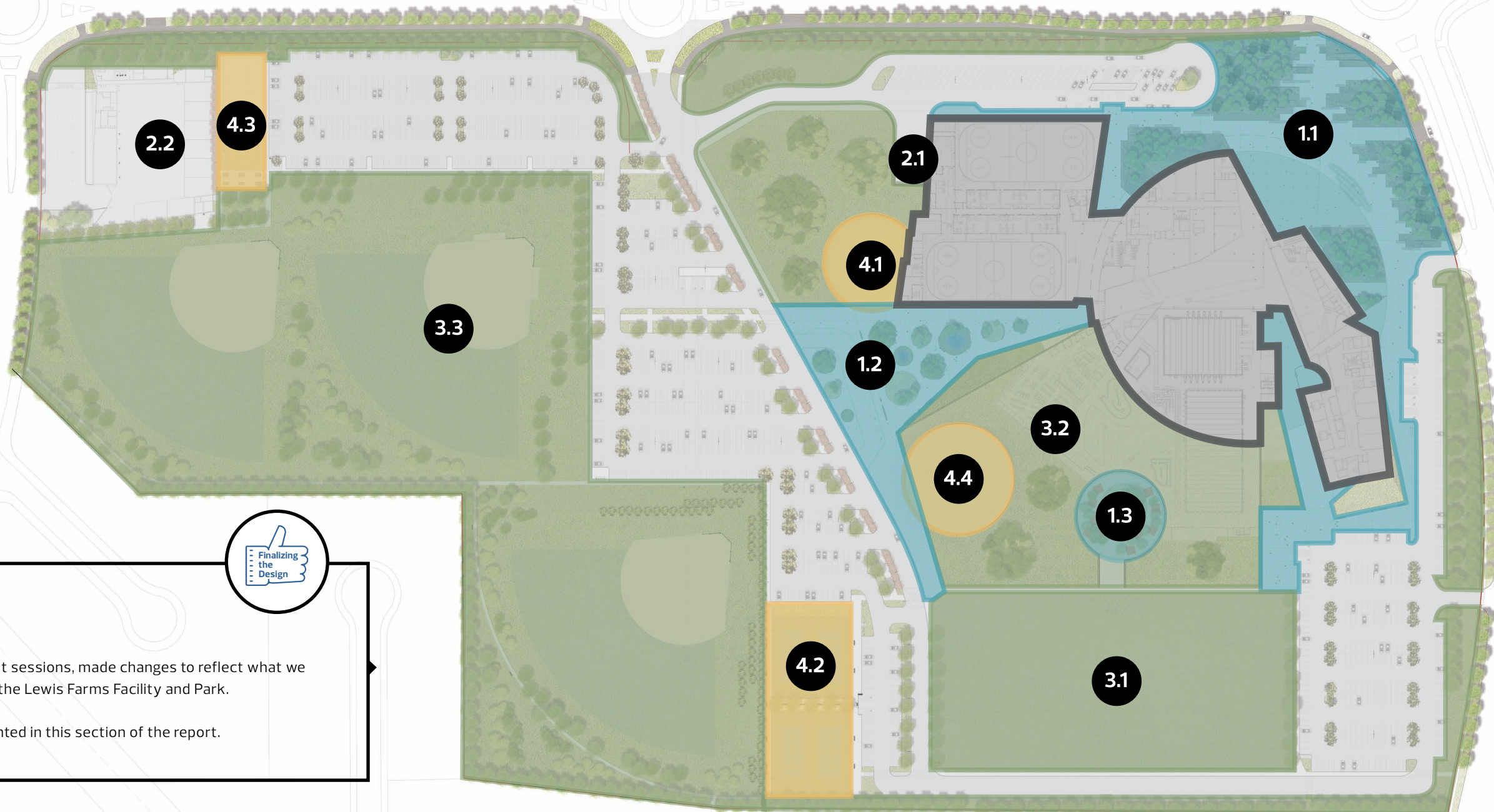


Bouldering Wall

We heard support for the bouldering wall with many of you stating that you or your family would use this amenity. Based on this, we decided to put a 100 feet wide bouldering wall in a dedicated room.

DISTRICT PARK SITE PLAN

- ZONE 1 - BUILDING ACCESS AND PLAZAS
 - 1.1 URBAN PLAZA
 - 1.2 WEST PLAZA
 - 1.3 PICNIC AREA
- ZONE 2 - CIRCULATION AND PARKING
 - 2.1 SUPPLY TRUCK DOCK
 - 2.2 PARKS OPERATION YARD
- ZONE 3 - SPORTS FIELDS AND DISTRICT PARK LANDSCAPE
 - 3.1 FIXTURELESS FIELD/OPEN GREEN SPACE
 - 3.2 SLOPED BERM AND ROOF LAWN
 - 3.3 BASEBALL FIELDS
- ZONE 4 - OUTDOOR ACTIVITY SPACE
 - 4.1 ICE SKATING RINK
 - 4.2 TENNIS COURTS
 - 4.3 OUTDOOR FITNESS AREA/BASKETBALL COURT
 - 4.4 SKATEBOARD PARK



FINAL DESIGN

We used feedback from the many engagement sessions, made changes to reflect what we heard, and have produced the final design for the Lewis Farms Facility and Park.

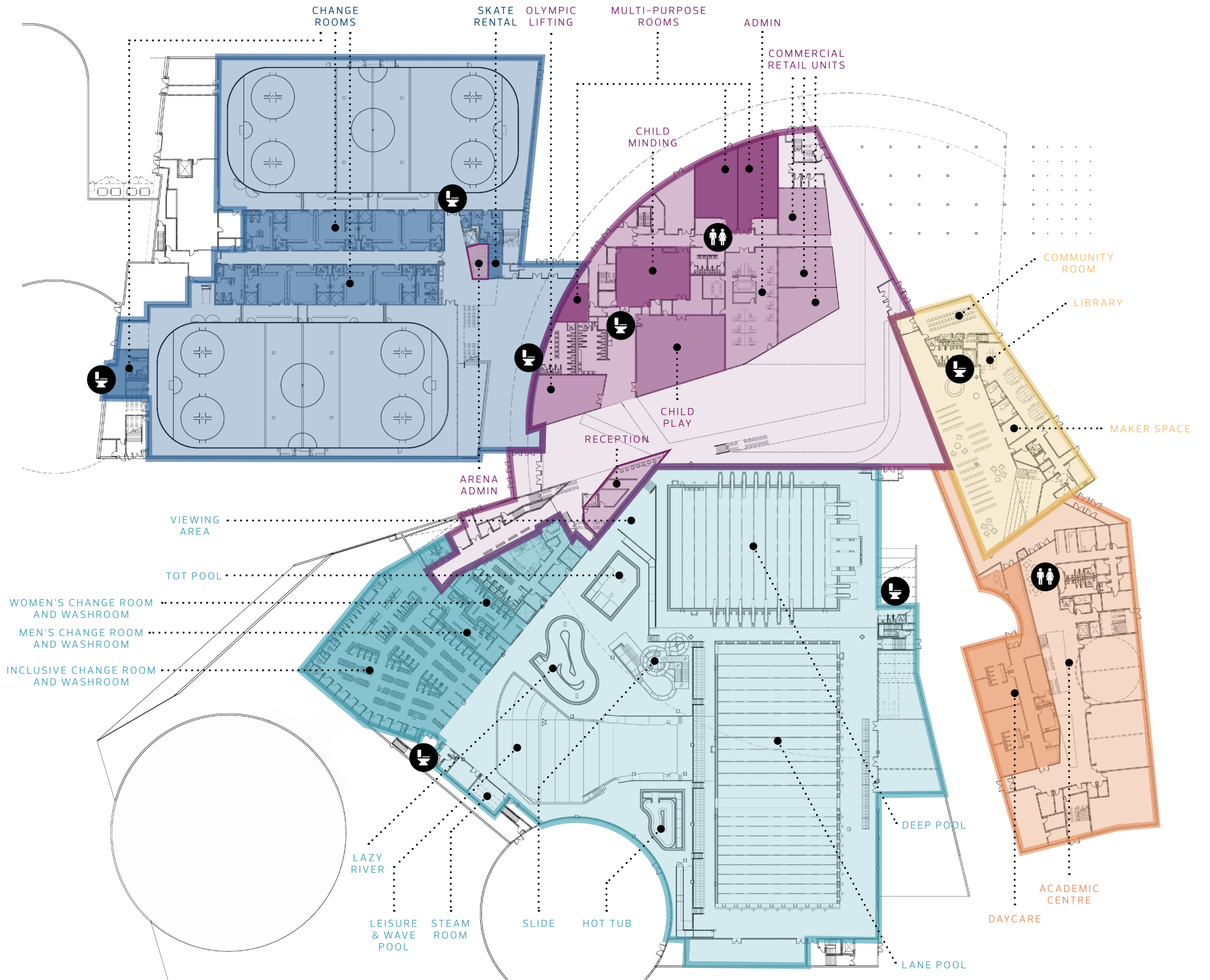
The final floor plans and renderings are presented in this section of the report.

OVERALL FLOOR PLANS

LEVEL 1

- ARENAS
- AQUATIC CENTRE
- GENERAL AREAS
- RECEPTION
- INDOOR PLAYGROUND
- CHILD MINDING
- MULTI-PURPOSE ROOMS
- LIBRARY
- ACADEMIC CENTRE

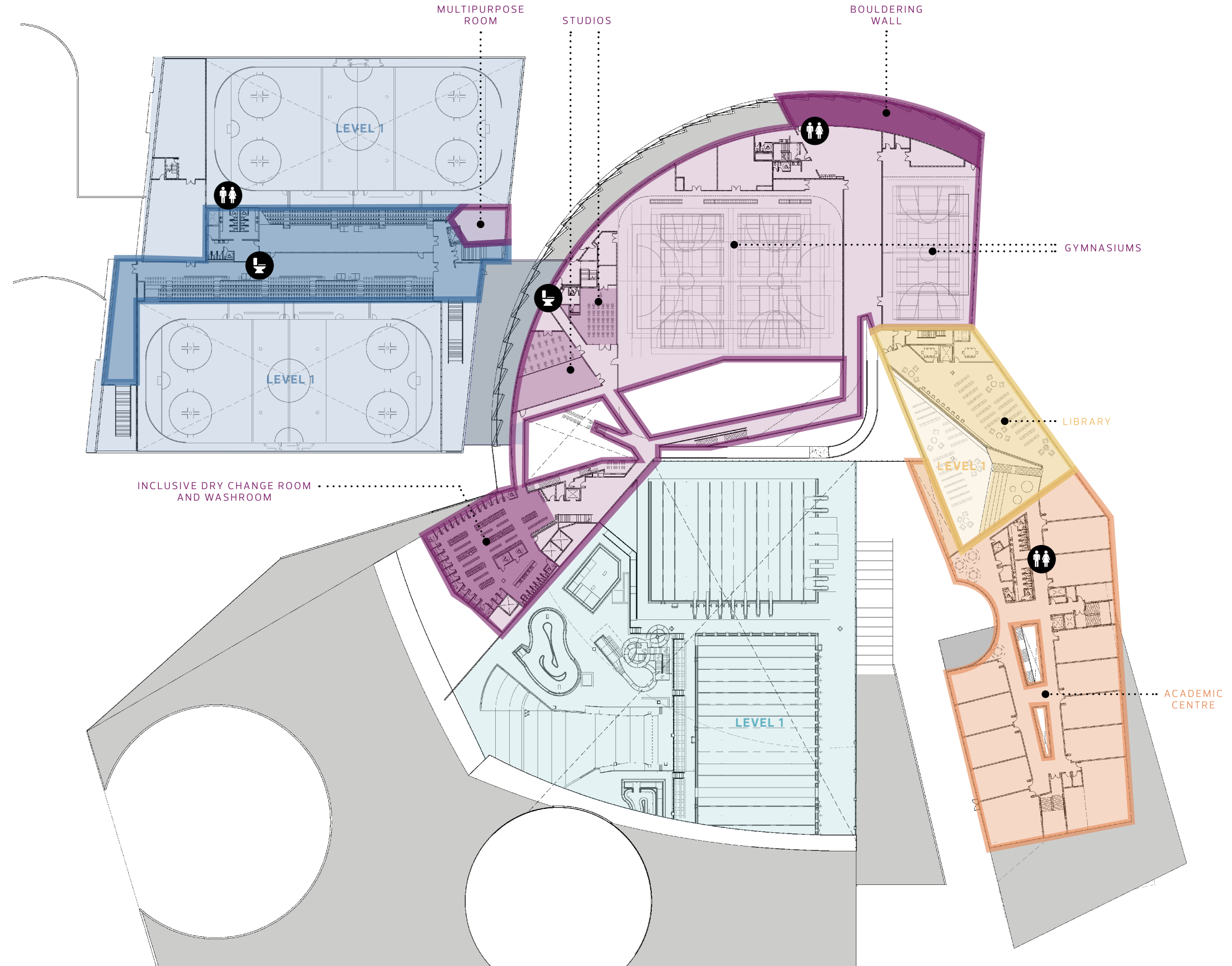
- INCLUSIVE WASHROOM
- MALE/FEMALE WASHROOM



OVERALL FLOOR PLANS

LEVEL 2

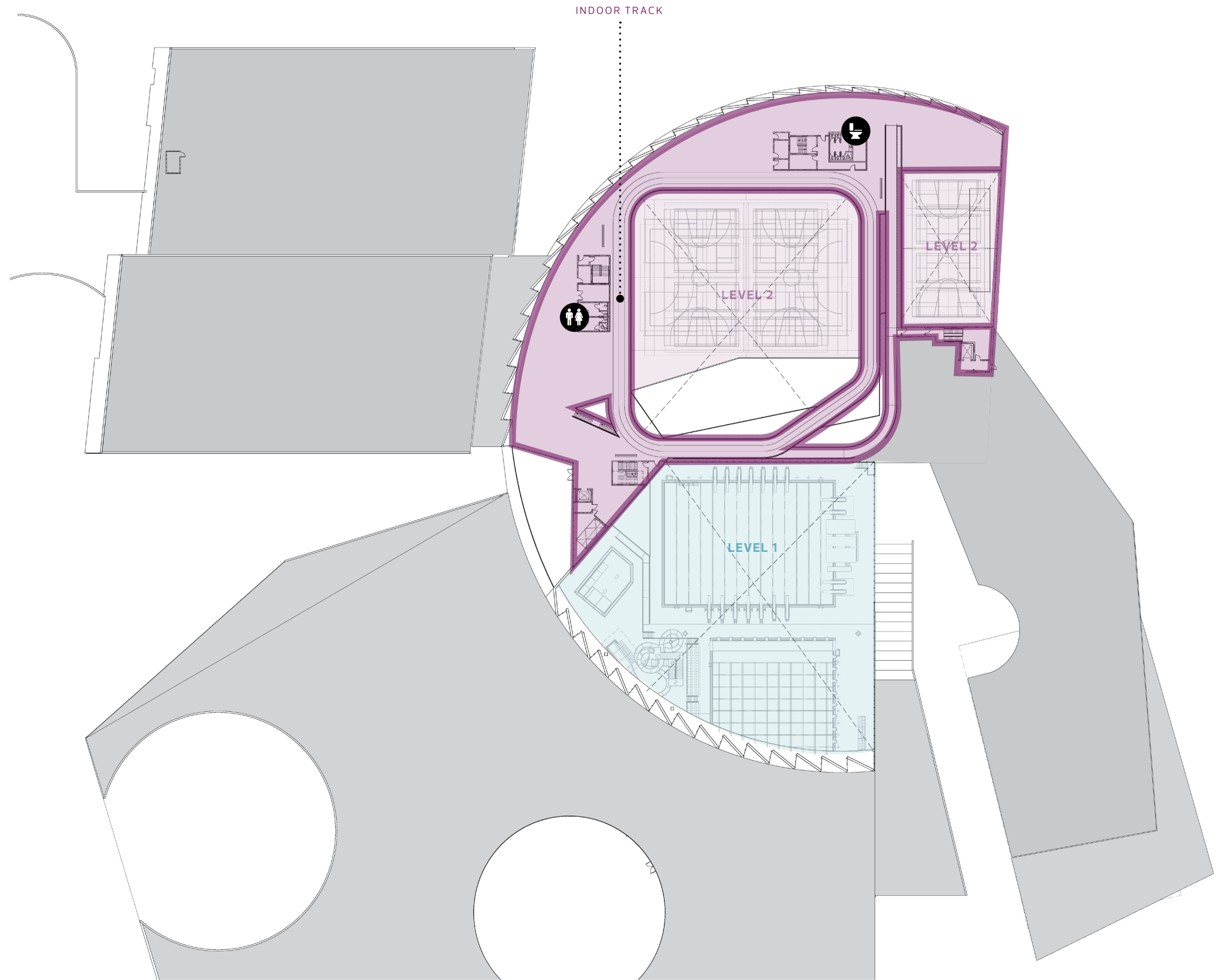
- ARENAS
- GYMNASIUMS
- MULTI-PURPOSE/STUDIOS
- DRY CHANGEROOM
- LIBRARY
- ACADEMIC CENTRE
- ♿ INCLUSIVE WASHROOM
- ♂♀ MALE/FEMALE WASHROOM



OVERALL FLOOR PLANS

LEVEL 3

- FITNESS CENTRE
- ⚙️ INCLUSIVE WASHROOM
- ♂️ ♀️ MALE/FEMALE WASHROOM





WHAT'S NEXT

Funding to purchase the land has been secured and we are currently working on site assembly.

City Council approval of construction funding will be requested as part of the 2019 - 2022 Capital Budget in Fall 2018

If funding is approved, construction would begin in 2020

To stay informed on the project, check out our project website edmonton.ca/lewisfarmfacilityandpark and sign up for email updates.

