

Quad Gymnasium at Schlegel Park

Council Meeting
September 16, 2024

Quad Gym Proposal

- 33,800 sq. foot gym that would include:
 - 4 multipurpose courts to support fast growing sports like pickleball, basketball, volleyball, badminton
 - 40 ft ceilings and competition level flooring for provincial and national tournaments
 - Elevated mezzanine viewing gallery
- Gym would be physically connected to Kitchener Indoor Recreation Complex (KIRC) – takes advantage of shared spaces (e.g. change rooms, concessions)
- Future tournament destination – direct revenue to the city, plus broader economic impacts for the community.

Opportunity: Build Gym with KIRC

- Building gym now means it would cost less and open sooner:
 - Cost of building gym now = \$29.9M
 - Timeline – gym would open in 2026
- Building the gym on its own (after KIRC) would cost more and take longer:
 - Cost would increase to \$38M (30% increase) in 2026
 - Gym would likely not open for another 5+ years after 2026

KIRC Main Entrance – with Gym Attached



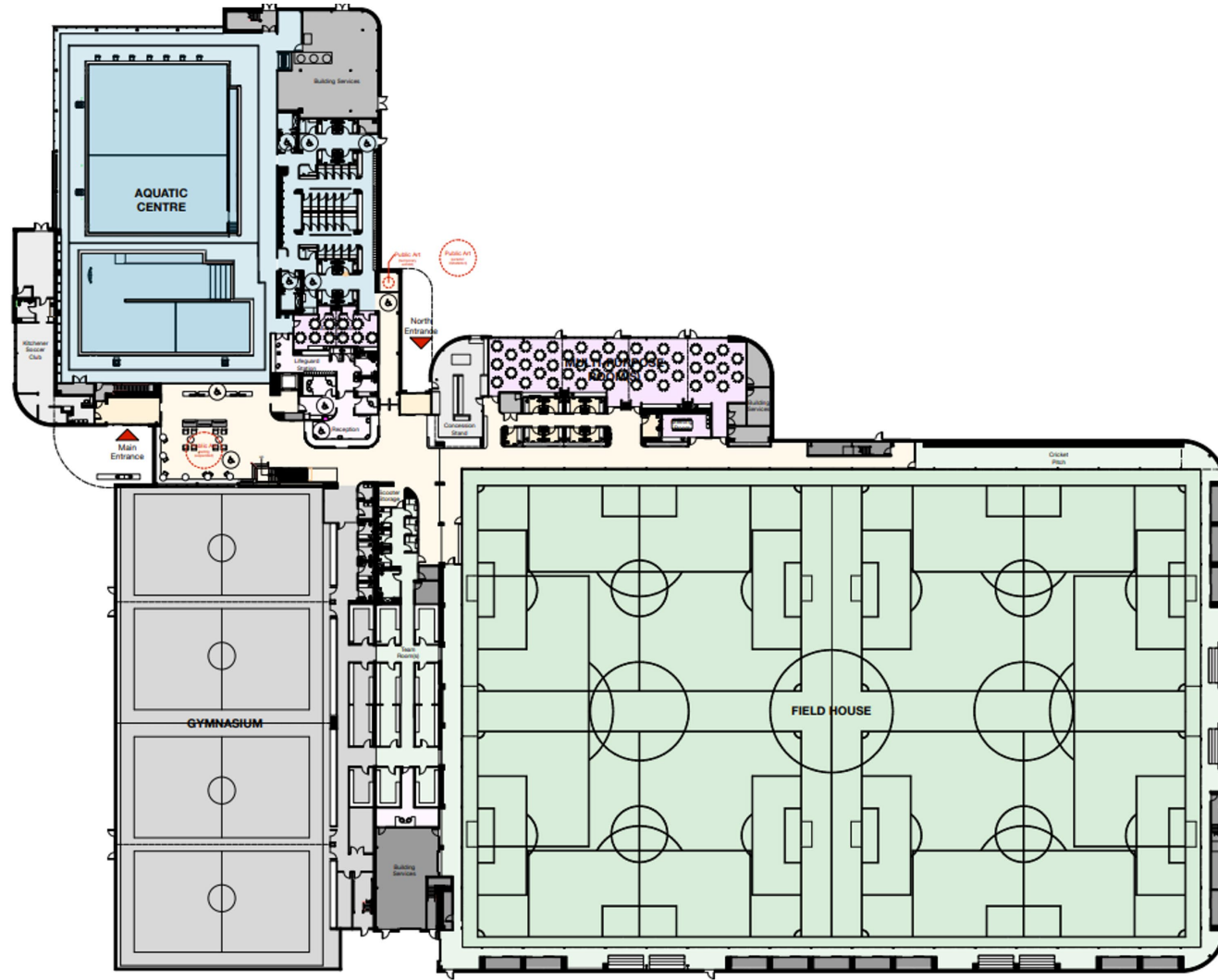
Gym Exterior



Gym – From KIRC Lobby



Gym Layout



Project Budget / Funding Plan

- Project cost (if built with KIRC) = \$29.9M
- Potential funding sources:
 - \$10M – Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund (Provincial)
 - \$10M – Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Grant (Federal)
 - \$10M – City contribution (debt financed)
- Without Provincial **OR** Federal funding, the City would have to fund the additional cost – to a total of \$20M.
- Without Provincial **AND** Federal funding the gym project would not proceed.

Next Steps

- Meeting the following milestones would allow for the gym to be built at the same time as the KIRC:

City Council direction to submit funding applications to the Provincial and Federal Governments	Today
Secure Provincial and Federal government decisions on grant applications	End of 2024
Gym construction begins	April 2025
Gym opens	Summer 2026