

# Relocation Plan for the Water Street Senior's Centre Society

## Waterfront Parks Plan

The City's draft Downtown Waterfront Public Open Space Plan provides a 20-year vision to help guide public access and future development of what is arguably the community's most valued asset – the downtown interface with Okanagan Lake.

The plan spans 1,300 metres of waterfront between the Water Street Boat Launch and the new William R Bennett Bridge and includes some or all of City, Stuart and Kerry Parks.

### Stuart Park

Named after former City of Kelowna mayor, James (Jim) Stuart, Stuart Park promises to be a showcase waterfront park, culminating at Kelowna's downtown business and cultural districts.

For more information on the construction of Stuart Park visit [kelowna.ca/cityprojects](http://kelowna.ca/cityprojects).

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## Message from the President

It is with much pleasure that I announce some exciting new prospects for the Water Street Seniors Centre Society.



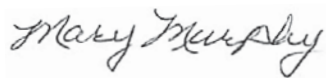
As many of you may know, our 35 year old facility is owned by the City of Kelowna and located on a piece of property currently zoned for park. It has always been the City's intention to redevelop this section of the waterfront for greater public use. This area will eventually become the second phase of Stuart Park.

Over the past two years, our society has been working closely with the City of Kelowna to develop a relocation plan that meets our need for a facility with increased parking, improved security and accessibility.

In 2006, City Council approved the Seniors Services Strategy which recommended that the Water Street Senior Centre Society be relocated to a multi-age facility. This type of facility would provide dedicated and shared space for senior specific programs and services, as well as providing members convenient proximity to other recreational opportunities offered by the City.

After an extensive process with the City, it has been recommended that the Water Street Seniors Centre Society be relocated to an expanded area in the Parkinson Recreation Centre by 2012-13. This decision is now pending City Council's approval on December 14, 2009.

During the transitional period we will continue to work with the City and explore opportunities and a program model that meets the goals and objectives of both parties. We are confident that in the short and long term this move will be a benefit to us all.



Mary Murphy  
President  
Water Street Seniors Centre Society

## A New Seniors Centre

Establishing a senior's centre at Parkinson Recreation Centre offers a number of advantages, including:

- ample parking
- convenient transit service
- improved security
- proximity to new recreational amenities
- linear pathway
- outdoor fitness equipment
- tennis courts

Being located in the Parkinson Recreation Centre will provide members the opportunity to join new and existing programs separate from those offered by the society.

### A New Space

The new seniors centre will include exclusive space for seniors as well as shared space.

Over the next couple years, the Society will work with the City to develop new Service Delivery Agreements in anticipation of relocation. The Society will establish a committee that will have input on the redesign of the proposed dedicated space.

While challenges are to be expected during the transition, some disruption to current programs may occur initially after the move. The society believes that the move will prove to be a positive one for all concerned.

## Parkinson Recreation Centre

Currently the Parkinson Recreation centre boasts a number of programs and facilities:

- Full size gymnasium
- Weight training room
- Outdoor beach volleyball court
- Cardio room
- Circuit training room
- 25 metre swimming pool
- Children's play pool
- Whirl Pool and steam room

