

Water Street Senior Centre Relocation



Fact Sheet

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The Water Street Centre opened February 10, 1973. The city-owned building sits on the future site of Phase 2 of James Stuart Park.

As part of a plan to redevelop the downtown waterfront for greater public use, the centre will be relocated to an expanded area in Parkinson Recreation Centre by 2012.

In 2006, a consultant's report recommended stand-alone seniors facilities, such as the one on Water Street, be phased out in favour of providing services to older people within facilities that cater to all ages.

Establishing a seniors centre at Parkinson Recreation Centre offers a number of advantages, such as ample parking, convenient transit service and improved security for members.

Parkinson Recreation Centre will be expanded to include a bright, new space where seniors can gather and be in proximity to PRC's recreation facilities, such as the new adult fitness park. Centre members will have their own entrance to the building.

The new centre will be designed to meet the needs of seniors. Members of the Water Street Seniors Centre Society will be involved in planning the design for the PRC seniors centre.

The new arrangement will provide both exclusive and shared space for the society to offer its programs and services, as well as providing their members convenient access to other recreational opportunities offered by the City.

With the phased capital approach to the relocation, some disruption of programs might occur initially after the move. The society and the City believe the move will ultimately be a positive experience for all.