



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Where is this going to be built? How is the location to be decided?

A site has yet to be selected. Siting criteria developed in partnership with the Regional Recreation Facility Feasibility Study consultants will assist with the information gathering and analysis required to identify and evaluate potential sites. A wide variety of factors will be considered, including, but not limited to, ease of access, population density, and land acquisition and development costs.

What will this recreation facility have in it?

Municipal staff are evaluating potential design options. The initial plan presented by consultants recommends the inclusion of an indoor pool facility for competitive and community use, gymnasium, walking track, and community spaces in the first phase of development. The consulting team identified the potential for a twin-pad ice rink to be added in the second phase of development if there is enough demand and financial support to justify an expansion.

What will this cost?

There are a lot of factors to be confirmed before a cost can be finalized, and there is a lot of work to do to determine how it could be funded. Comparable regional facilities have cost between \$50 million to \$100 million in current dollars, so extensive efforts will be made to secure external, non-municipal funding.

How will the partnering municipalities cost-share to jointly cover the investments that would be required from the municipal level?

A funding formula needs to be finalized by the Regional Recreation Facility Feasibility Study Working Group, which is comprised of representatives from the three partnering municipalities, and then agreed to by respective Councils. The funding formula would include capital and operating agreements. There are still many factors to consider before a funding formula can be finalized.

How can stakeholders and members of the public provide feedback?

Online comments can be submitted via the [Regional Recreation Facility Feasibility Study Engagement site](#), where the Kings County Regional Recreational Centre Feasibility Study report is available for public review. The three participating Councils have received the report and agreed to gather further information. Once some of that additional information is collected, there will be rounds of public engagement.

What happens next?

A lot of research, analysis, discussions and planning! More research and analysis is required before formal decisions can be made about a number of topics of interest, including: site selection, potential tendering and construction timelines, prospective sources of non-municipal funding, proposed building design and recreational features, cost-sharing and operating agreements, business planning and funding formulas. Once this information has been firmed up, each participating Council will be asked to confirm their ongoing support for the project.

When would a facility be built if the partners jointly agree to proceed?

A regional project of this magnitude will take years to finalize and complete. Due diligence calls for considerable inquiry and research before agreements are determined and financials are finalized. Once that is complete, which will realistically take a year or two, contracts would need to be let for designing and building the facility. Optimistically, this facility could be built within five to seven years.