

Project Guiding Principles

The following guiding principles were developed based on a review of best practices and trends in community recreation facilities, preliminary work done to date and feedback received during earlier stakeholder consultation. They have been endorsed by Council and adopted by the project team.

The Guiding Principles are as follows:



1. Be Exceptional

Design and build an iconic, innovative and well-functioning centre for aquatics, older adults and community sport development that creates a sense of place and speaks to its surroundings.



2. Be Sustainable

Reflect sustainability principles through all stages of the project:

- Financial – Deliver the project on time and on budget
- Social – Ensure decisions are transparent, responsive to community input and contribute to community development through public engagement
- Environmental – Consider options for construction and future operations that deliver exceptional energy management and improve and respect the natural environment.



3. Be Accessible

Prioritize cultural and physical accessibility and ensure spaces and places are designed with all aspects of accessibility in mind.



4. Be “A Centre of Excellence” for Active Living and Wellness

Demonstrate that Richmond is the best place for residents to play, live a long and healthy active life, raise their family and achieve their highest potential by reflecting a “Sport for Life” model.



5. Be Synergistic

Take advantage of the opportunity to create synergy among users and uses while being sensitive to unique needs. Ensure multi-purpose spaces facilitate excellence and ensure appropriate, dedicated spaces are available where needed.



6. Be Connected

Improve the urban realm and respect the history and uses in Minoru Park while integrating public art, transportation, circulation improvements and connections to the outdoors and nature to benefit all visitors to the Civic Precinct.

These guiding principles are intended to provide overall direction in the program development, design, construction methodology and eventual operations.