

PUBLIC NOTICE
RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GIMLI
MULTIPLEX PROJECT

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Gimli provides the following information to our property owners concerning the development of a Multiplex facility for the community:

Council proposes to complete a study for the development of a Multiplex Facility that contains a fitness centre with equipment, activity rooms, consultation /office space, Indoor walking track, 800 seat multi-purpose hall (with an option for a stage), development of additional seating and hockey dressing rooms for the Arena, as well as revamping and reconfiguring the layout of the Recreation Centre in the common areas, main and second floor viewing areas as well as the canteen, office, the second floor bar and the addition of an elevator that services the 3 floors of the facility.

Council had expressed serious concern regarding the cost to develop and maintain the proposed Aquatic Centre-indoor swimming pool/leisure pool component proposed for the Multiplex. Indoor pools in many larger rural centres in Manitoba and across Canada have proven to be expensive to maintain and incur large annual operating deficits which are then passed on to property owners as taxation. Council undertook an in depth financial review of existing indoor pool facilities in rural Manitoba communities that indicated that the proposed 21,571 sq. Ft Aquatic Centre (6 lane Jr Olympic Pool, separate leisure/wave pool, hot tub and water slide pool) for our community would result in an annual operating deficit of 1.4 million dollars. This would result in an ongoing annual tax increase of \$ 414.00 on a residential property valued at \$ 200,000.00, \$621.00 for a property valued at \$ 300,000.00 and \$ 828.00 for a property valued at \$ 400,000.00.

Council had considered sending out a mail out/return mail questionnaire asking property owners if the community could afford to include the proposed indoor Aquatic Centre in the Multiplex Facility. Based on conclusive results of the financial review of the proposed indoor Aquatic Centre and the fact that the cost of the mail out was over \$13,000.00, Council has made the decision to remove the proposed Aquatic Centre from the Multiplex Project.

The Council and the community can now move forward to complete a Feasibility Study for a Multiplex facility based on the identified needs of the property owners and the financial resources of the Municipality.

Mayor and Council
Rural Municipality of Gimli