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At the September 19, 2011 Regular Meeting, Council endorsed the design concept for the North Delta Recreation Centre expansion.

The concept includes a 25,000 square foot expansion of the North Delta Recreation Centre and replacement of 6,000 square feet of aging infrastructure scheduled for removal. The expansion includes two key elements: (1) a multi-purpose gymnasium that facilitates sports, recreation, performances, community events and large gatherings, (2) and a North Delta Civic Business Office. The expansion provides residents with increased access to a broader range of municipal services such as bylaw enforcement, taxation, community planning and recreational programs.

The concept emerged after consultation with facility staff, user groups and the public at the Mayor's Town Hall Meetings and project-specific public meetings. Public feedback stressed the need to increase municipal services and capabilities in North Delta so residents don't have to travel to South Delta for civic services.

With an average of over 100 in-person municipal transactions taking place at North Delta Recreation Centre each day, over 50% of Delta's population situated in North Delta, combined with the large-scale Delsom development taking place, population growth continues in this area. Delta must ensure its recreation, culture and business services meet these growing demands.

The cost of the building expansion project is estimated at \$9 million; Delta's 2011 Financial Plan includes \$6.5 million towards this project. The balance of the funds for the North Delta Recreation Expansion has been referred to the 2012 Business Planning Workshop for consideration. Delta Council established financial reserves for community projects such as this, to ensure the Mayor and Council's "no new borrowing" policy is upheld.

Staff is investigating the potential for a community energy system that will provide ground sourced heating and cooling to several municipal buildings in the Social Heart area and will report back to Council at a future date.

View the [presentation](#) and [Council report](#) on this project.

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