



# GRANT PARK RECREATION CAMPUS PLAN & FEASIBILITY STUDY OPEN HOUSE





# project goal

*The Grant Park Recreation Campus Plan & Feasibility Study will provide the City of Winnipeg with a comprehensive plan for the redevelopment of the Grant Park area, as well as guidance and direction on future investments that support greater recreation opportunities and community wellbeing.*



The Grant Park recreation site – bounded by Grant Avenue to the north and Taylor Avenue to the south – is home to multiple recreation facilities including the Pan Am Pool, the Charles A. Barbour Indoor Arena, and outdoor soccer fields. The City of Winnipeg is seeking to develop a coordinated campus plan that addresses the challenges and opportunities presented by these well-used facilities, some of which are currently meeting or exceeding their capacity.

The plan explores the possible development of a new library to replace the existing River Heights Library and the potential twinning of the Charles A. Barbour Arena with additional flexible multipurpose space for community programs.

Thank you to the key stakeholders who have been providing valuable insights regarding the design direction, future programming, sustainable operations, and potential synergies between facilities!

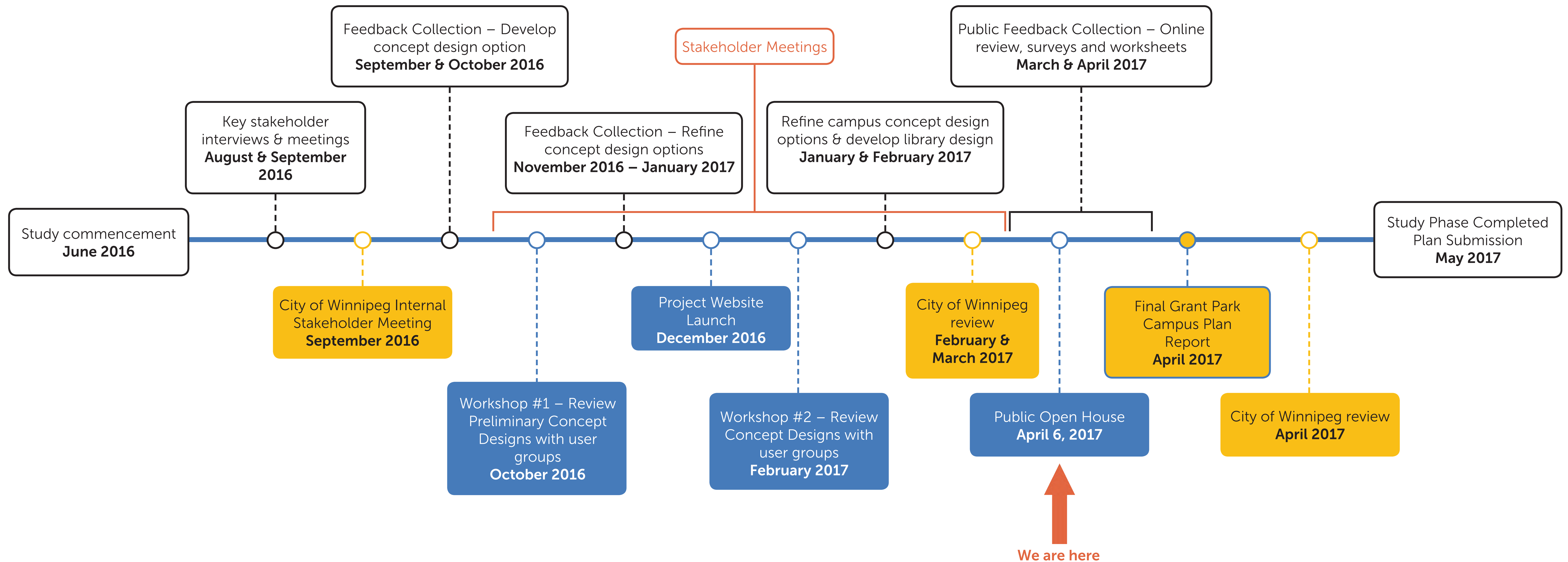
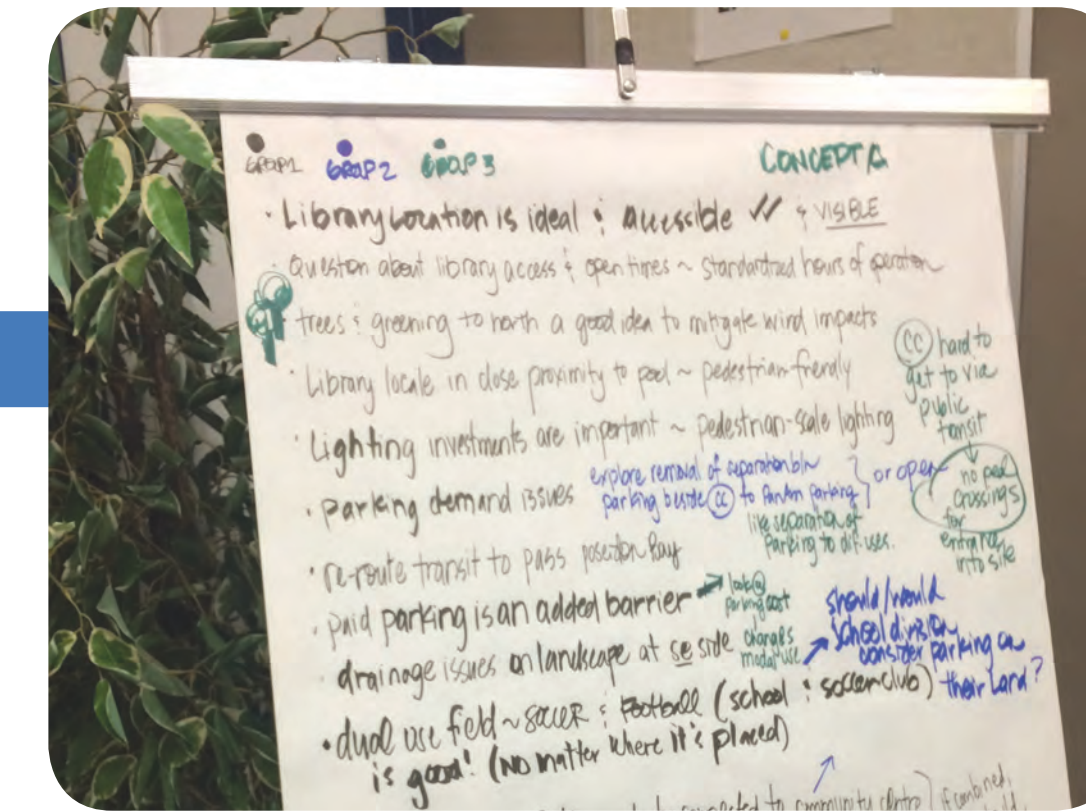
## Stakeholders

- Grant Park High School
- Winnipeg Public Library Board & Committees
- River Heights Library
- Winnipeg South End United Soccer Club
- Winnipeg Regional Health Authority
- Corydon Community Centre
- Pan Am Clinic
- Pan Am Pool
- Aquatic Hall of Fame
- Neighbouring businesses
- Louis Riel Institute
- Cultural historians
- Provincial sport organizations
- South Winnipeg Seniors Resource Council
- Bike Winnipeg
- Residents, students, visitors
- City Administration



# process

Through conversations with stakeholders and analysis of existing facilities, options were narrowed to the two concept drawings presented. Following today's open house, feedback from members of the public will be incorporated into a final campus plan.





# design influences

Existing conditions and future trends were reviewed to provide an understanding of the drivers of change, from population and migration to transportation and employment. How these fluctuate over time can impact decisions related to design. Some of the key trends that influenced the preliminary concept drawings are listed below.



## A Definition for Recreation

Recreation is the experience that results from freely chosen participation in physical, social, intellectual, creative and spiritual pursuits that enhance individual and community wellbeing.

A Framework for Recreation in Canada 2015, Pathways to Wellbeing

## Trends Influencing Recreation Design

### Aging Population

- Decreased emphasis on team and organized sports
- Focus on individualized wellness and fitness opportunities

### Transit and Walking Supports Active Lifestyle

- Public Transit should be included as part of multi-modal system (park & ride)
- Growing demand and sophistication in active transportation facilities
- Walkability makes good public space

### Multigenerational & Multicultural Recreation Options

- Desire for outdoor activities, socially-oriented sports leagues, and programs to overcome financial and/or scheduling barriers
- Younger families require more family-based recreation options
- Desire for passive and cultural forms of recreation
- Newcomers require inclusive programs to overcome cultural/religious barriers and improve physical literacy

### Active Living



Foster active living through physical recreation

### Inclusion & Access



Increase inclusion and access to recreation for populations that face constraints to participation

### Connecting People & Nature



Help people connect to nature through recreation

### Supportive Environments



Ensure the provision of supportive physical and social environments that encourage participation in recreation and build strong, caring communities

### Recreation Capacity



Ensure the continued growth and sustainability of the recreation field



# what we heard

*Drawn from interviews, workshops and meetings, some of the common themes and suggestions that influenced the conceptual designs are listed here.*

community hub  
seniors' programming capacity demand  
facility improvements aging facilities cultural heritage  
collaboration location works  
accessibility lifelong learning opportunities  
new developments



## Sports Fields and Active Recreation

- Trees and greening are a good way to mitigate wind impacts and makes the area more walkable and aesthetically beautiful
- Artificial turf field would provide for an increased playing season and a partnership opportunity.



## Library

- Preferred location is at Grant Ave. and Nathaniel St. to ensure greater neighbourhood integration
- Outdoor reading room very attractive in greenspace setting along Grant Ave.



## Arena/Community Centre

- Explore more programming options for rinks in the summer: volleyball, rollerskating, pickleball, etc.
- Provision of a year-round canteen, public washrooms, and much needed flexible, multi-purpose space
- Positioning the library and community centre close to the Pan Am Pool and high school creates strongest campus feel



## Community Gardens and Passive Recreation

- Spaces for young children (under 6) is important
- Connecting pathways and community gardens are positive
- Winter activities should be explored



## Parking and Access/Entrances

- Support for a dedicated lot for library but more parking should be considered
- School drop off zone addresses safety and congestion concerns along Nathaniel St.



## Transit, Pedestrians and Cyclists

- Bicycle path around entire perimeter of campus area could be turned into skate or ski trail in the winter
- Lighting is important for safety and programming
- Transit loop through parking lot to bring users closer and into the campus
- Supporting facilities like secure bike parking are needed



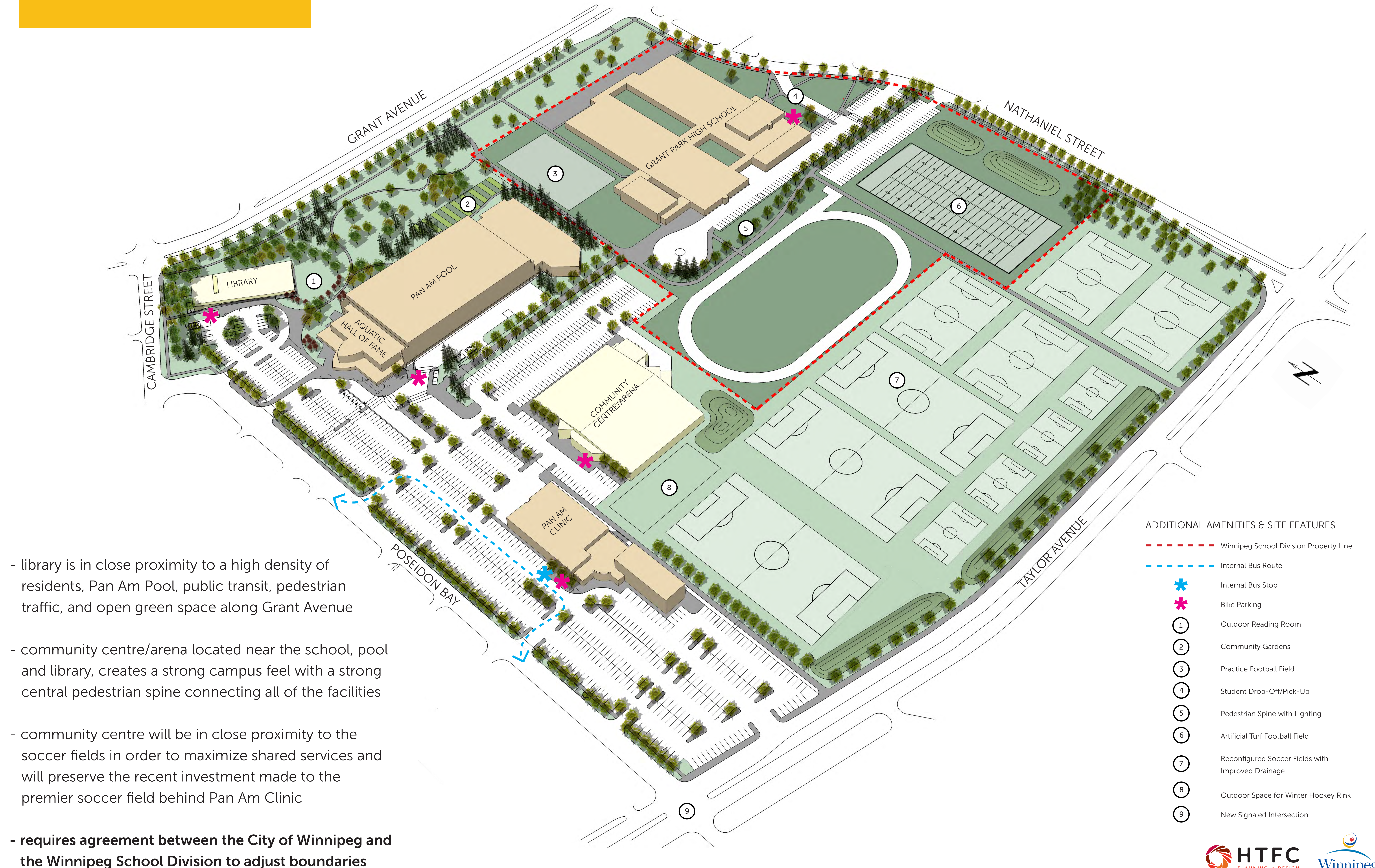
# concept 1



- library is in close proximity to a high density of residents, Pan Am Pool, public transit, pedestrian traffic, and open green space along Grant Avenue
- community centre/arena, located adjacent to good road access and parking potential along Taylor Avenue
- creates opportunity for shared services with existing soccer fields and alleviates congestion on Nathaniel Street
- Development is all located on City of Winnipeg property



## concept 2



- library is in close proximity to a high density of residents, Pan Am Pool, public transit, pedestrian traffic, and open green space along Grant Avenue
- community centre/arena located near the school, pool and library, creates a strong campus feel with a strong central pedestrian spine connecting all of the facilities
- community centre will be in close proximity to the soccer fields in order to maximize shared services and will preserve the recent investment made to the premier soccer field behind Pan Am Clinic
- **requires agreement between the City of Winnipeg and the Winnipeg School Division to adjust boundaries**



# river heights library redevelopment

*Positioning the new River Heights Library at Grant park creates a neighbourhood hub location close to recreation, school, shopping, and public transit.*

The City of Winnipeg Library Redevelopment Strategy (2013) identifies a contemporary library vision of larger, universally accessible facilities, designed to accommodate current library automation, more diverse programming, and mobile technology.



New Charleswood Library Interior, 2015

## River Heights Library at Current Location

- Challenges:
- Past closures due to structural issues
  - Does not meet accessibility standards or current building codes
  - Many building systems are at the end of their useful life
  - Minimal parking
  - Site is too small for redevelopment

\$5.3 million approved in 2015 budget for a new River Heights Library

## River Heights Library at Grant Park Recreation Campus

- Benefits:
- Space for larger facility (13-14,000 s.f.) to include Winnipeg Library Strategic Plan priorities and accessibility standards
  - Library would include accessible programming rooms, improved leisure and study areas, and new outdoor reading and program spaces
  - Good access to public transit and active transportation systems
  - Opportunity for expanded parking
  - Good proximity to user groups – school students, seniors housing, and surrounding residential density



Distance from existing library location to Grant Park Site





## GRANT PARK RECREATION CAMPUS PLAN & FEASIBILITY STUDY THANK YOU FOR COMING!

### Stay involved:

Together, with key stakeholders, we are making great progress and now we need to hear from you! Your input will lead to a preferred campus master plan design that will guide both the short and long-term renewal of the area to meet the needs of residents, families, students and seniors.

**Project Website** – Information and updates regarding the Grant Park Recreation Campus Plan and Feasibility Study will continue to be posted on the City of Winnipeg's website.

**Feedback Survey** – Comment on preliminary concepts today or on-line for a chance to win a pair of Tour Visas to the 2017 Folklorama Festival. Full contest details here:

[www.winnipeg.ca/GrantParkRecreationCampusPlan](http://www.winnipeg.ca/GrantParkRecreationCampusPlan)

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