- PUBLIC INPUT SURVEY -







Help us plan Ely's future Municipal Complex

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Please visit the link below or use the QR code to take a quick survey and provide your input!

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FAQ RESPONSES:

1. Why are we looking into this?

Ely is growing and the expectation for more amenities and services is on the rise. A municipal complex helps Ely position itself to expand our library facilities, provide additional recreation services, provide a safe place for meeting and community business.

2. Why now?

The Ely Library has been working on an expansion plan for nearly 7 years. The land that was chosen as the primary site became unavailable last year, however the City Hall location is a viable option. Currently, the cost of making the existing City Hall building ADA compliant, bringing the HVAC up to code, and mitigating the inner roof structure is nearly 1 million dollars. The community has also expressed the desire to have some type of a recreational facility in the community, so there can be expanded recreation services for people of all ages. Taking all of this into consideration, a committee was formed to explore the possibility of a multiuse facility in Ely.

3. Why this location?

The location has some very positive aspects to it. The city currently owns the property, ease of accessibility and visibility, current access to city utilities, proximity to the downtown area, and a new parking lot has recently been installed next to the location.

4. How will this be paid for?

An extensive fundraising campaign is planned to be conducted to raise as much funds as possible. A large portion of the project will likely be funded through property taxes by a referendum/vote of residents. The group is working on a schedule to have this project on the ballet in November of 2023.

5. Why are you doing another survey?

The library expansion project survey focused on the library facility only. Now that the project has been adjusted, it is important to gather input from the residents of Ely regarding what they would like to see in the municipal complex. The committee truly wants this facility to serve the entire community of Ely, and strives to target every aspect of it to the identified needs of the community.

6. Why are you going door-to-door?

The committee would like to gather as much input from the Ely community as possible, and feels that going door to door is a great way to connect with Ely residents and reach a wider audience. Online and paper surveys will be available as well.

7. How will this impact me?

The project will provide additional services currently not available in Ely, such as recreation facilities, updated city hall facilities, additional learning spaces and community spaces.

The goal is for city hall services and the library to be able to keep up with the demands of our growing community. A Municipal Complex will allow for a one-stop shop experience. It is intended to provide further community building, and expanding opportunities for neighbors to meet each other.

The outcome of the facility will be in the hands of the community and the decision to pay for/build the facility will be determined by the community as well.

8. Who makes the decision on this?

There is a community-based team working on this project, and the final decision will be made by a vote of the residents of Ely to approve of this project.

9. When would this project start?

Project Schedule

Community input:

Design renderings:

September 2022 – September 2022

September 2022 – December 2022

Feasibility and funding study:

December 2022 – February 2023

Start fundraising: March 2023
Referendum vote: November 2023

Final design and construction docs: January 2024 – June 2024

Bidding: July 2024

Construction: September 2024 – December 2025

Opening: Early 2026

10. Who can I contact with additional questions?

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