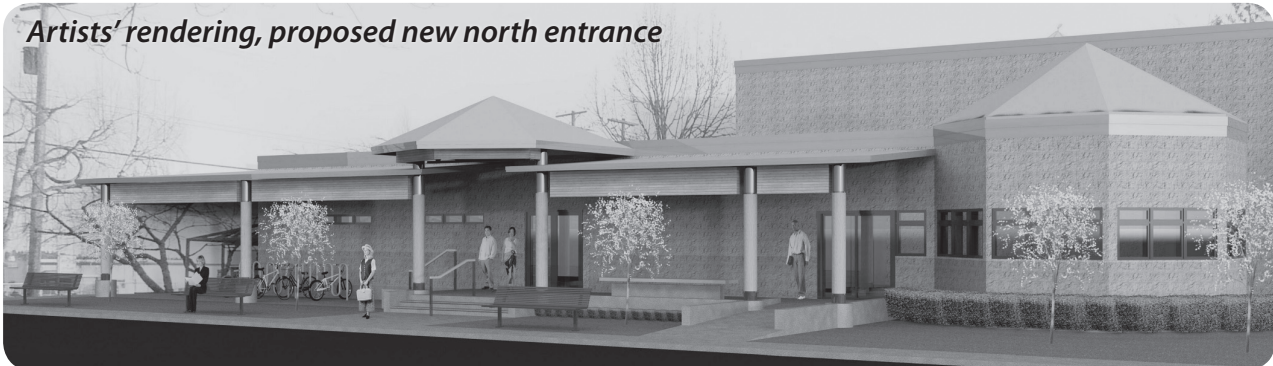


# Lewis Centre Expansion and Renovation

Artists' rendering, proposed new north entrance



## Main Components:

### New Wellness Centre

People will be able to drop in even while programs are running.

### New Multi-Purpose and Meeting Rooms

Will improve availability for programs and rentals. Over 30 local organizations use the Lewis Centre for meetings and activities.

### Increased Accessibility

An elevator will be installed to the second floor, and there will be better access to special needs services on the main floor.

### Improved Entrances

North entrance from parking lot will be widened. Covered bike parking is also proposed.

### Increased Storage

More storage greatly needed for equipment.

Courtenay City Council has voted to upgrade and expand the Lewis Centre. The project will include numerous improvements, including a new Wellness Centre, large and small multi-purpose rooms, increased storage, improved accessibility and energy efficiency. The expansion will add almost 14,000 square feet (1,300 square metres) to the facility.

## Why expand?

The Lewis Centre was last renovated in 1991. The facility has numerous issues, including insufficient space for programs and user groups, poor energy efficiency, and excess heat in summer. An updated mechanical system will provide better air quality and lower natural gas and electricity use. The expansion will accommodate more people and allow for increased program opportunities for all ages.

## Project funding

The total project budget is \$5,400,000. The City of Courtenay has set aside \$200,000 in a reserve fund. An additional \$1,000,000 will come from the Federal Gas Tax Fund. The remaining amount would need to be borrowed; the City of Courtenay is actively pursuing grants and funding opportunities to help reduce borrowing costs.

## Next steps:

- Hire an architect
- Refine the design, with input from staff and user groups
- Finalize construction drawings
- Put project out to tender
- Begin construction mid-2012

## Questions?

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