

SCPA AGM Oct. 5, 2023 New Facility Report



In Fall 2022 the New Facilities Committee continued to discuss possible sites and configurations for a dedicated, indoor pickleball facility.

In Spring 2023 we decided the most promising option was to re-activate our [2019 proposal](#) to the District of Sechelt (DoS) asking for a land lease on DoS property (Lots 9 & 10, DL 1471) between the Suncoast Racquet Club and the Suncoast Arena. The following is an abbreviated summary of the steps taken to date (Sept 23, 2023) towards securing the land lease.

- Feb 27 - May 15 - prepared a new [2023 proposal](#) for submission to DoS.
- March 22 - received a quote from Metal Building Group (MBG) for building supply and erection – the same company that supplied the Racquet Club building.
- April 4 - April 24 - distributed and summarized results of member survey re funding. Generally, a very positive response encouraging SCPA to proceed with the proposal.
- May 17 - presented the proposal to DoS Council for a land lease - well received
- June 15 – met with DoS staff, James Nyhus (Chief Building Official), Kerianne Poulson (Corporate Officer) to review the proposal. Positive input from staff - identified items to explore/review before reporting back.
- July 31 – met with MBG to discuss Pre-Construction Service Agreement - adds cost but worth considering since it simplifies and unifies the pre-construction steps.
- July 31 - met with Matt Gilroy (Captain, Sechelt Fire Dept), to discuss fire dept regulations.
- Aug 22 – received a quote from Global Steel buildings – less than MBG but does not include insulation or erection.
- Aug 29 - requested to appear as a delegation before Council to update our proposal.
- Sept 1 – DoS confirmed our request to appear as a delegation before Council on October 4, 7 PM. No word yet on the positioning or funding of the daycare that is also tentatively slated for the southern portion of Lots 9 & 10. The uncertainty regarding the daycare could be the main obstacle for us getting a lease on the upper portion of these lots.
- Sept 22 – submitted an [update to our 2023 proposal](#) to DoS for inclusion in their Oct 4 agenda package.
- Oct 4, 7:00 PM – will present the update to DoS Council asking for a MoU that a land lease will be granted – hopefully successful.

Submitted by

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