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Contractor for Strathmore's new municipal building announced; project starting this summer

Strathmore, AB – July 25, 2019 – Construction plans are underway for the Town of Strathmore's new municipal building. The Town is taking the next step in the community vitalization project by awarding the contract of the new municipal building to PCL Construction.

"We are thrilled to be moving forward with the plans for the project and to be working with PCL construction. The current Municipal Building location is at capacity and the need for a new space is required to allow for expansion and to provide "one stop" services to residents and businesses as Strathmore grows," says Mayor Pat Fule.

After completion of tendering and a two-part evaluation process PCL Construction was awarded the contract. PCL has offices in Calgary and Edmonton and works throughout Alberta on major construction projects. Where possible PCL and the Town of Strathmore will hire local individuals and businesses during the construction of the municipal building.

The new municipal building will be located in the North-East corner of the Kinsmen Park parking lot. The goal with the new municipal building is not to take away from the beautiful space, but to work alongside it to enhance the features of the park, incorporating features not currently available, and at the same time providing services to residents and businesses. Council is committed to investing in projects that increase the health, accessibility and attractiveness of Strathmore.

"Funding for this project will be a combination of grant funds and borrowing that was approved as part of the 2017 capital budget. It was the ideal combination of available resources, low financing rates, and good timing to complete the much-needed work. The project is also consistent with Council's '2019 Long Term Financial Plan'," says Mayor Pat Fule.

PCL is currently working with the Town of Strathmore to finalize plans and schedules over the summer. Once the plans are finalized we will be able to share with the public the vision for the new municipal building.

More details about the municipal building will be available in the coming months. For updates, visit: <https://strathmore.ca>.

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Question	Answer
Why is the Town building a new space vs. renovating the current office space or purchasing an existing building?	<p>Detailed environmental and engineering assessments were conducted to determine if the current space could be renovated to alleviate the health and safety issues and accommodate growth. The results indicated that it was not cost effective to upgrade and renovate the space.</p> <p>Regarding purchasing and renovating existing buildings, this was also investigated, and it was felt that it was also not cost effective to renovate each space and it would not be efficient for residents and businesses to conduct Town business if they are required to visit multiple locations. A 'one-stop shop' was deemed the best solution going forward.</p>
Why is the location of the municipal building in Kinsmen Park?	<p>The North-East corner of the Kinsmen parking lot will be the location of the new municipal building. Kinsmen Park is a hub of the community and located in Strathmore's vibrant downtown area. It is a space for many gatherings and events that bring the community together.</p> <p>The location of the municipal building is an opportunity to add amenities and new features in the park and become an integral part of the vitalization and enhancement of Downtown Strathmore. Ensuring residents and businesses can access the Town's services in a central location is important to ensuring the efficient delivery of services.</p>
What do you mean by the parking lot at the North end of Kinsmen Park? Where exactly would the municipal building be built?	<p>The North end of Kinsmen park is the location of the new municipal building. There will be new parking stalls to accommodate for the current parking. The new building will not take away from the current parking.</p>
What will the new municipal building look like?	<p>It is too early to answer that as the Town working with PCL Construction to finalize plans. A preliminary design has been completed and is on display at the Town Office. Construction will commence later in summer of 2019.</p>
What are the features of the new facility?	<p>The proposed features include: public washrooms and change facilities for Kinsmen Park, community space that can be used by local groups to offer programs and services to the public (weekends and after hours), Council Chambers and space for all Town of Strathmore staff to provide services to the community with the exception of the Fire Department and Operations departments.</p>
How can I stay informed of the future updates to the municipal building?	<p>The Town's website and social media channels are the best sources for ongoing updates.</p>

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