

A LASTING

# Olympic Legacy



*An investment in our future,  
that builds on our proud  
history in winter sports.*



## FORT ST. JOHN enerplex

The City of Fort St. John has been working with city residents and recreation groups for more than three years to develop the Enerplex proposal which includes an; indoor speed skating oval, an NHL size hockey rink, an Olympic size hockey rink and an indoor track.

City residents will vote in a referendum proposed for late June or early July to authorize borrowing for the City's contribution toward the cost of the facility.



*A first class recreation and competition  
facility in our community.*

WE HAVE THE

*energy*

- Fort St. John became a leader of the Olympic Spirit by initiating the "Walk to Whistler" challenge.
- Fort St. John has a proud history in winter sports competition as the birthplace of the Northern BC Winter Games which it has hosted four times in addition to hosting the BC Winter Games.
- Fort St. John has produced 64 National and World Speed Skating Champions including our newest Olympian, Denny Morrison, Silver medallist in the 2006 Winter Olympic Games.
- \* The City has already received a grant of \$12.5 million from the Province of BC to help build the facility.
- Plans are proceeding on options for developing the combined facility using funding from the City, the federal government and the private sector.
- The location for Fort St. John Enerplex is proposed for Centennial Park, the site of many of the City's current community recreation facilities.



photo: Matt Mulloy, Alaska Highway News

*Fort St. John now has a unique opportunity as we move forward to plan and develop this multisport facility which will become a major influence in the future of our community. The Fort St. John Enerplex proposal is the most significant initiative undertaken in the City of Fort St. John in recent memory.*

### ***Get Involved. Be Informed.***

***Watch for a comprehensive Public Information and Voter Outreach Program coming soon.***



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**FORT ST. JOHN**  
*The Energetic City*

SPIRIT WITHIN



FORT ST. JOHN

# enerplex

## ENERPLEX REFERENDUM FACT SHEET 2

On June 24th residents in the City of Fort St. John will be asked to authorize borrowing of up to \$15 million dollars to build the Fort St. John Enerplex.

This proposal has been under development for over three years as the City recognized the opportunity to obtain provincial funding for a pre-Olympic Training facility and went to work to prepare a proposal to the Province of British Columbia.

The City has now received \$12.5 million from the Province to help build the Enerplex. City voters are being asked to approve the City's contribution to the project.

**COMING SOON**

**OPEN HOUSE**

June 8, 2006

4 – 7 PM

North Peace Arena



photo: Matt Malko, Alaska Highway News



**THE POWER  
IS YOURS.**

**VOTE JUNE 24!**

# THE ENERPLEX HAS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

The Enerplex components will include:

- Two hockey rinks, one NHL and one Olympic size
- Indoor long track speed skating oval
- Year-round indoor walking/running track
- Fitness centre

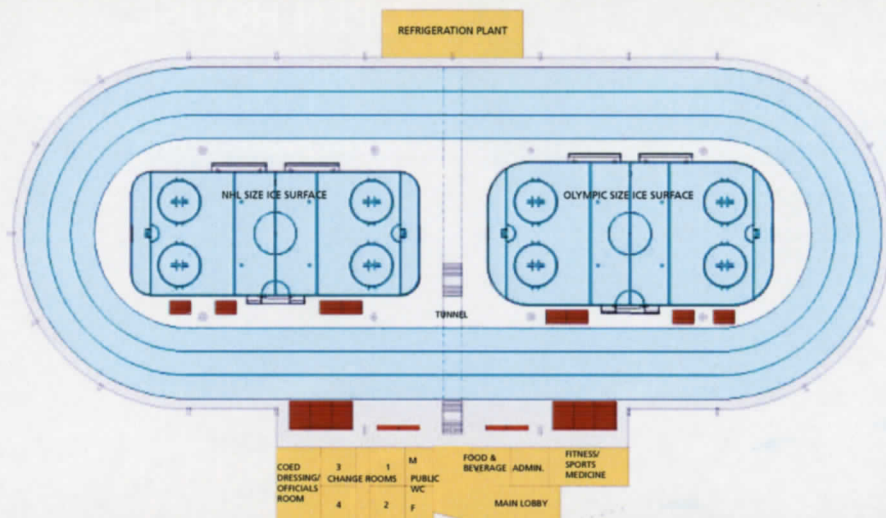
We also envision indoor tennis, soccer and track and field sports at a future date. The Enerplex will also serve the community as a venue for concerts, trade shows, festivals and other events.

## COMMUNITY BENEFITS

The Enerplex is a multi-use facility that will offer something for everyone in the community:

- More ice time for hockey and other skaters' needs
- A world-class training and competition facility for local and international speed skaters
- Walking and exercise facilities, protected from the weather and available year-round, to provide fitness opportunities for people of all abilities
- A community facility that will help attract professionals, trades people, students and families to the community

The Enerplex will create a lasting legacy that will shape the future of the Energetic City for years to come.



## HOW MUCH IS THIS GOING TO COST TO BUILD AND WHERE WILL THE MONEY COME FROM?

The Enerplex design will be scaled to the funding available. Total construction cost may vary from \$29.5 million to \$37.5 million. We already have \$12.5 million from the Province and are strongly pursuing an equal amount from the Federal Government.

The referendum seeks voter approval to borrow up to a maximum of \$15 million for the construction cost. This will be reduced should the federal funding be confirmed.

## HOW IS THIS GOING TO IMPACT MY TAXES?

The average residential tax increase will be \$12 per month which will cover both the repayment of the borrowing and the incremental operating cost for the Enerplex.

## WHAT'S THE ALTERNATIVE IF THE ENERPLEX DOES NOT GO AHEAD?

The City would likely forfeit the \$12.5 million received from the Province. The City would still have to address the urgent requirement for additional ice. An additional rink is needed to address the shortage of ice time and the Kids Arena would require major upgrades or replacement. The cost for building a twin arena to replace the Kids Arena and provide one additional hockey rink is currently estimated at \$11.7 million.



Watch for additional information through the media or visit the City's website at [www.cityfsj.com](http://www.cityfsj.com)

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