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Downtown Action Plan

- Adopted by Town Council as a general guide for future planning of future physical improvements to Downtown Ponoka and efforts to attract increased visitor traffic and investment in the Downtown.
- A citizen-driven planning process for which implementation will be led by the Heritage and Downtown Revitalization Committee as it makes recommendations to Town Council on which suggested actions outlined in the Plan should be implemented first.
- A starting point for future, more detailed plans undertaken by the Town in its efforts to implement the Plan. These more detailed plans may affirm, refine or lead to changes in initial direction laid out by the Plan.
- Copies and more information about the Downtown Action Plan are available at www.DowntownPonoka.ca



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Community Learning Centre Lease Agreement

○ Signed by the Town this spring for up to 28,000 square feet of floor space in a new three-storey building to be built by a developer on the old hospital site.

- The Town's lease space will be used for:
 - Administrative offices and Council chambers.
 - A new expanded Library on the main floor that will operate in a shared space with a Campus Alberta Central learning site.
 - Campus Alberta Central is a joint venture between Red Deer College and Olds College that is interested in establishing a learning site in Ponoka. It would bring new post-secondary education programs and courses to Ponoka.

○ Town Council believes the Community Learning Centre project will be a catalyst for future development and growth in Ponoka. A second major project on the old hospital site is expected to be announced in the very near future – a care facility that may include up to two buildings of up to two stories in height along 57 Avenue.



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New Recreation Multiplex (Community Wellness Centre)

- Council approved a detailed preliminary design for a new multiplex to be built in phases – starting with a new fieldhouse – at the existing Arena site.
- The Preliminary Design ensures the Town is positioned and ready to apply for senior grant funding for the project as it becomes available.
- In order for this project to go ahead, government grant funding and community fundraising will be required.
- PARCS – the Ponoka Arts, Recreation & Culture Society is spearheading local fundraising efforts for a new multiplex.