

## Pugwash Multipurpose Centre

The Pugwash Multipurpose Centre is one of the components of the Pugwash Waterfront Development project. Originally, the need for a new library was identified based on accessibility barriers and a lack of space for new programming opportunities. At that time, other needs and wants of the community and the region were evaluated. Following a series of stakeholder engagement sessions, it was identified that other community space, such as activity rooms, meeting space, and a boardroom were needed in the area.

A site selection process was used to identify the ideal site for the multipurpose centre. The Municipality acquired a site for the Pugwash multipurpose centre in the heart of Pugwash: 10182 Durham Street (the corner of Highway 6 and Durham Street).



View of preliminary multipurpose centre design from Durham Street

Over the past several years, the Municipality has worked with the Pugwash Village Commission, Cumberland Public Libraries, the Pugwash Multipurpose Centre Steering Committee, the Pugwash Waterfront Development Steering Committee, the community at large, and consultants to define the necessary spaces to be housed within the building and the general layout of the space. At present, a preliminary design of the building is complete. It is important to keep in mind that this is not the final design for the Multipurpose Center. This is a snapshot of the current stage of understanding of the community's needs and possible solutions. More work and consultation will be necessary to bring the design and the project to completion.

The image below shows the floor plan of the preliminary design, including the layout and components of the preliminary design. The table below shows the square footage of the various components of the building. The preliminary design also includes a 240 linear foot walking circuit. The total square footage of the concept design is 7475 square feet.



### Multipurpose Centre Concept Areas include:

#### Library

Collections	1140 sq. feet
Seating	550 sq. feet
Staff work space	220 sq. feet
Meeting/Program room	540 sq. feet
Public access computers	250 sq. feet
Special use spaces	300 sq. feet

#### Multipurpose Centre

Activity room 1	350 sq. feet
Activity room 2	550 sq. feet
Kitchen	140 sq. feet
Living Room	425 sq. feet
Storage	120 sq. feet

Moving forward, many factors that bear on the longer-term costs and impacts of the building will need to be considered. Life cycle costs, including regular maintenance costs, and energy modeling will be considered when selecting systems and equipment during the design development phase. As the design progresses to the next phases, design decisions will be based on factors including:

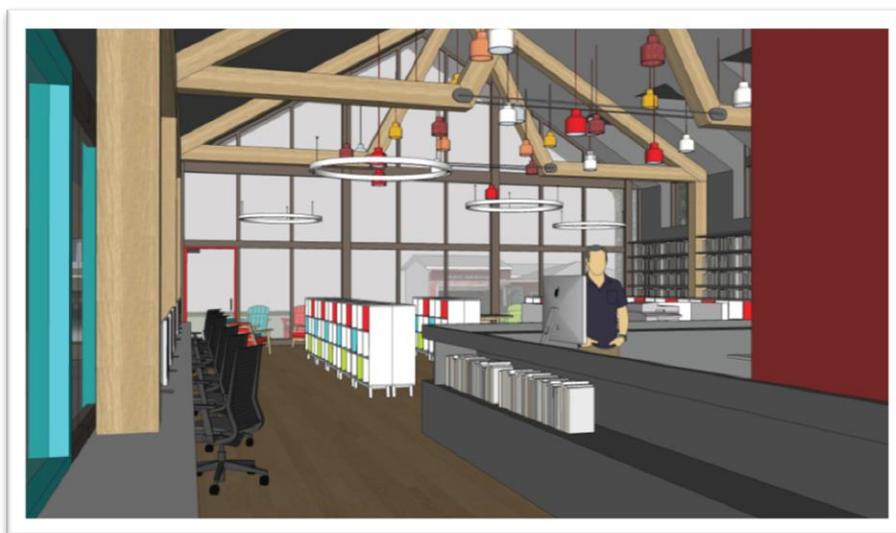
- Capital cost
- Life Cycle cost
- Energy usage
- Capacity
- Availability
- Ease of operation/maintenance
- Reputation and track-record of manufacturer
- Physical size and weight of equipment
- Local support

The next steps for the multipurpose projects include:

1. Completion of a business plan for the building
2. Detailed design and tender documents (this will make the project “shovel ready”)
3. (eventually) construction

For further details regarding the multipurpose centre design, please download the Pugwash Waterfront Development Master Plan and reference pages 41-60 at the following link:

[www.cumberlandcounty.ns.ca/pugwash-waterfront-development-master-plan.html](http://www.cumberlandcounty.ns.ca/pugwash-waterfront-development-master-plan.html)



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## We want your feedback!

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