

Alexander Community Centre Update

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Community Consultation on Future Centre Design

Dear Friends and Neighbours in Carlington,

The expansion and renovation of the Alexander Community Centre in the Carlington community has been one of my top priorities since I took office. This 54-year-old community hub needs to expand to accommodate our growing community. I previously authorized an expenditure of \$60,000 to fund a community-led Needs Assessment. The City of Ottawa undertook a Carlington wide survey that asked for input on the new Centre, particularly, the types of components that are needed. The Ottawa Public Library agreed to participate in the initial needs assessment as we explore ways to incorporate potential library services. At this time, the Ottawa Public Library Board has not confirmed their intent to open a branch in the community centre, rather, they are exploring the potential and feasibility.

After the compilation of survey results, the consultant hired to undertake the needs assessment drafted preliminary designs for the new centre which have been made available as part of public consultation. There are 3 designs which have been shared with the Carlington Community Association and further feedback has been received. The options were also presented at the CCA

Annual General Meeting on May 25. The next step is to share it with the broader Carlington community and a website is now live for your feedback at [Engage.Ottawa.ca](https://engage.ottawa.ca).

Please review this bulletin in detail. What do you like about the various proposals? What is missing?

You are not being asked to specifically support Option 1, 2, or 3, but if you like a particular option, by all means, let us know. On the back of this page, you will find a link to a survey where you can share your feedback.

We have a 'Once in a Generation' opportunity to renovate and expand our community centre, to make it a modern, recreation facility that will truly become the hub of our the community. Have your say, be heard and provide your input to this process.

Sincerely,

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OPTION 1 SUMMARY:

The Option 1 design has the smallest footprint with an overall addition size of 689 m².

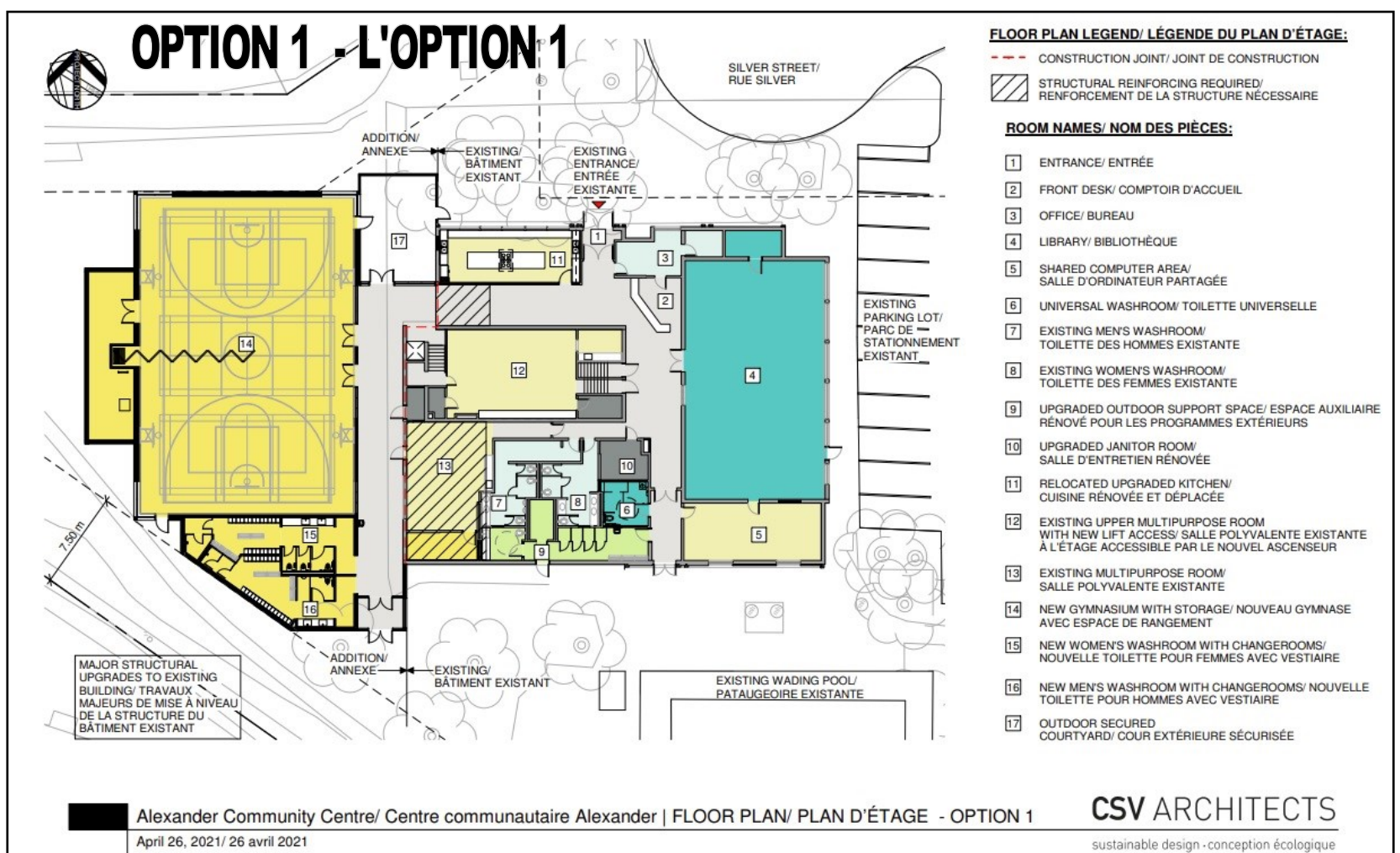
Summary of advantages of this option are as follows:

- Vertical north-south gymnasium orientation with dividing wall increases flexibility for programming
- New combined changerooms and washrooms
- Library in former gymnasium
- New east-west corridor bisects former multipurpose room connecting addition to existing building

- Upgraded kitchen is relocated in former multipurpose room
- One office is opened to create a more open feeling at main entry for front desk with sight lines along main circulation for passive supervision
- Universal washroom added
- Existing janitor room enlarged
- Existing storage space is upgraded for outdoor programming
- Enclosed secured courtyard is located at the front of the building to provide outdoor programmable space
- Lift added for accessibility to mezzanine level multipurpose room

Summary of disadvantages of this option are as follows:

- Vertical north-south gymnasium orientation compresses available space
- No dedicated community lounge or teen lounge; no opportunity to add furniture as a design element
- No multipurpose room replacement for multipurpose room converted to circulation and kitchen relocation
- Major structural upgrade to existing building required adds cost



OPTION 2 SUMMARY (pictured on reverse):

The Option 2 scheme has the largest overall addition footprint of 896m².

Summary of advantages of this option are as follows:

- Library in former gymnasium with dedicated entrance
- Interior layout allows for secured separation of facilities (in case of different operating hours of library and ACC)
- Universal washroom added and adjacent to library; can be accessed after hours by library
- Horizontal east-west gymnasium orientation with dividing wall
- New combined washrooms & changerooms
- New east-west corridor bisects multipurpose room connecting addition to existing
- New entrance adjacent to gym with new front desk and office; sightlines to main circulation for passive supervision
- Community lounge with tiered seating near new entrance
- Kitchen relocated to central location
- Dedicated space for computers proposed to be shared between Community Centre and Library
- Existing janitor room enlarged

- New 115 m² multipurpose room with divider
- Existing office walls removed to create an open space for teen lounge
- Existing storage space is repurposed for outdoor programming including barrier free washroom
- Lift added for accessibility to mezzanine level multipurpose room

Disadvantages of this option are as follows:

- No enclosed courtyard space
- Minor structural upgrade for existing structure required will add some cost
- Location of new main entry increases distance from parking

OPTION 3 SUMMARY (pictured below):

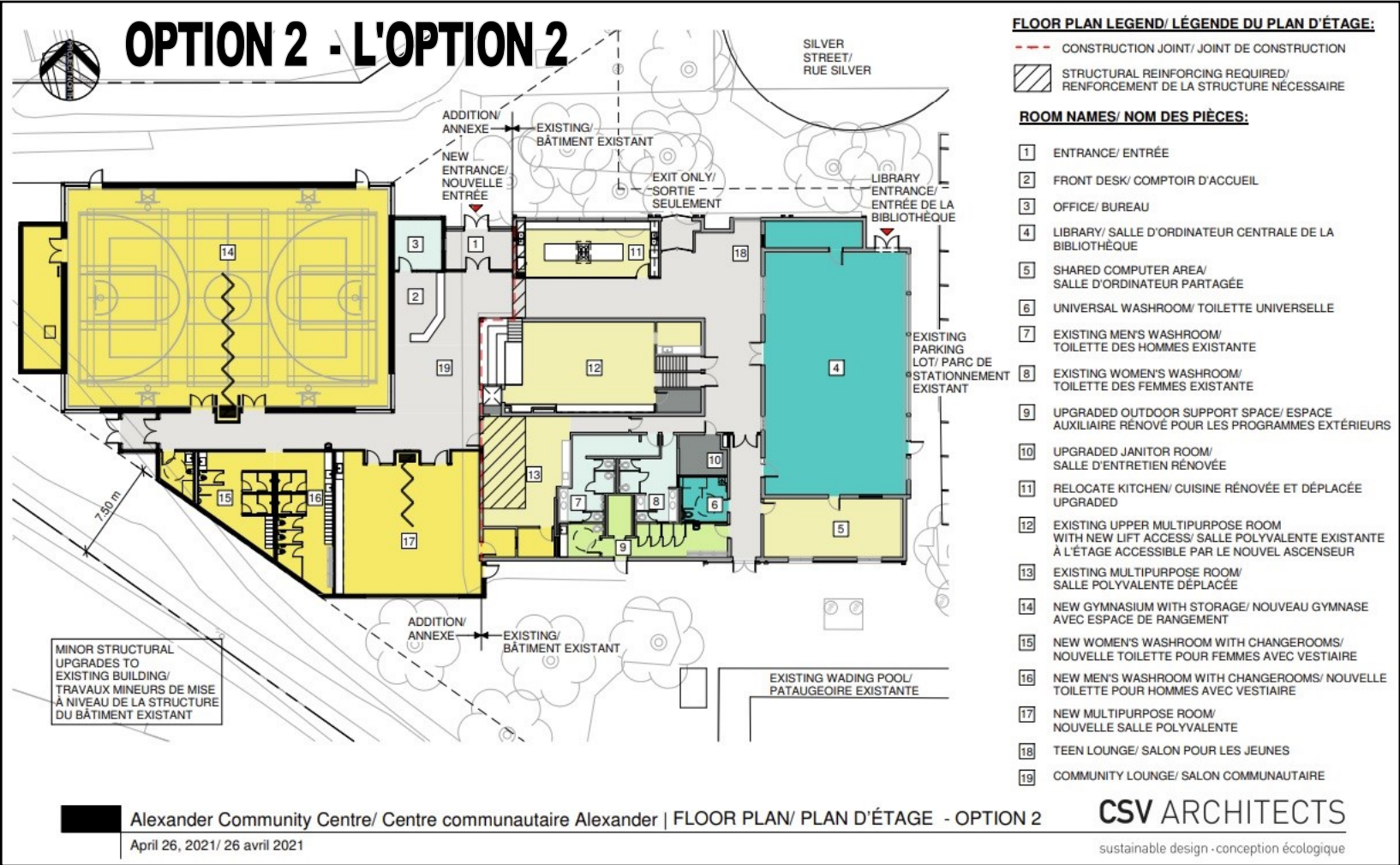
The Option 3 scheme has an overall addition size of 848 m² which is in between the footprint of Option 1 and Option 2.

Summary of advantages of this option are as follows:

- New gender neutral family changerooms near gym
- New 73 m² multipurpose room
- Diagonal gymnasium orientation
- Teen lounge located adjacent to gymnasium
- Community lounge with viewing into gym and multipurpose rooms
- One office is opened to create open feeling at main entry for front desk with sight lines along main circulation for passive supervision
- Enclosed courtyard for outdoor programming
- Kitchen relocated to larger space with direct access to enclosed courtyard
- New gender neutral washrooms in centralized location adjacent to multipurpose rooms
- Janitor room in proximity to new gymnasium
- Existing janitor room enlarged
- Proposed central computer space near front desk
- Kitchenette remains in multipurpose room
- Lift added to add accessibility to upper multipurpose room
- Existing storage space is repurposed for outdoor programming including barrier free washroom
- Structural upgrades of existing structure avoided

Disadvantages of this option are as follows:

- Gymnasium does not have a dividing wall; drop down curtain to divide space
- Multipurpose room does not have a dividing wall
- Location of kitchen makes grease trap at exterior wall less accessible and a longer distance to parking for deliveries



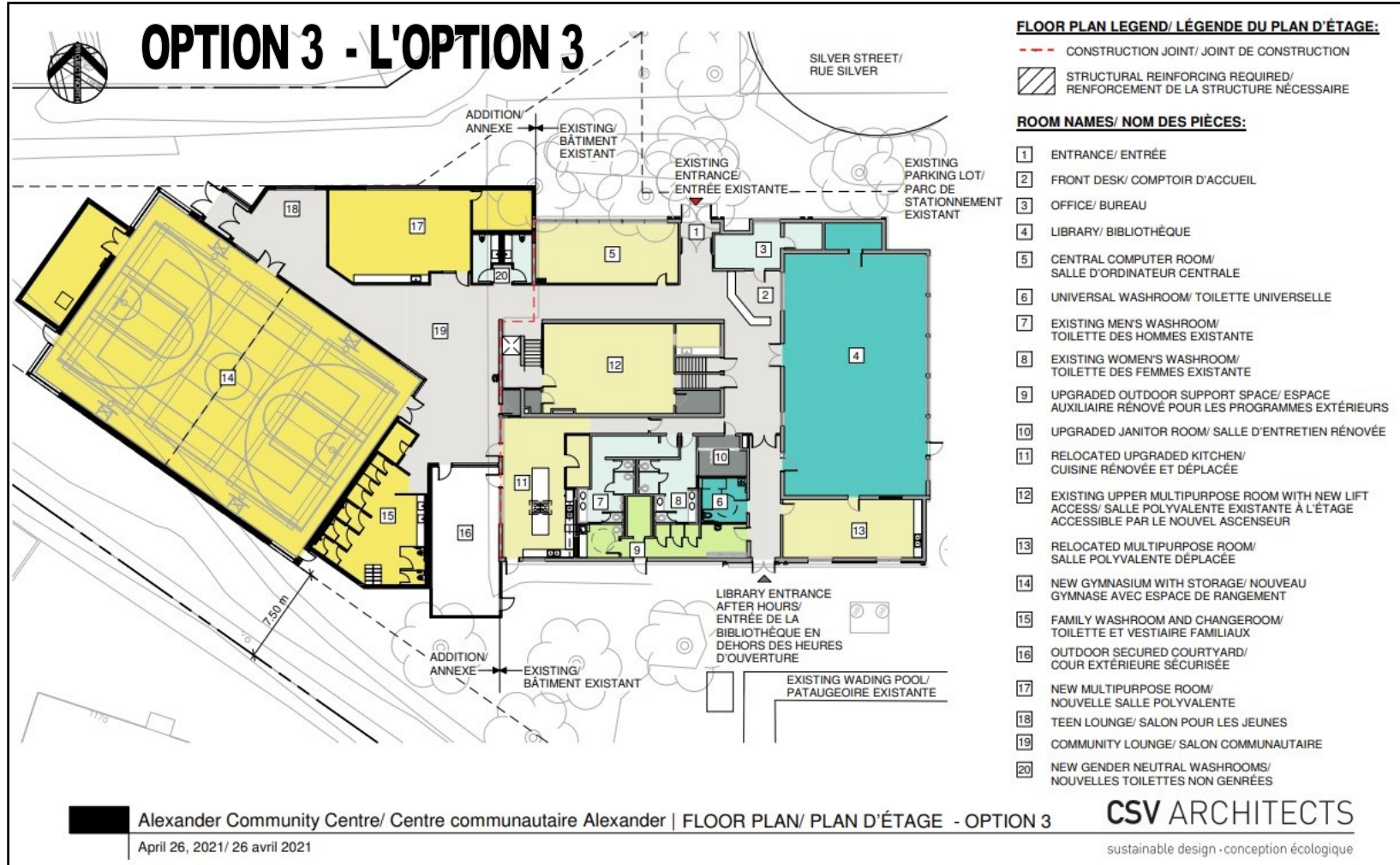
Provide your Feedback!

We want to hear from you.
After reviewing the designs and discussing it with your family, you are encouraged to fill out the survey form at [Engage.Ottawa.ca](https://www.engageottawa.ca)
Survey closes July 15, 2021

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