

Event Centre

Project Pathway

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The development of the Event Centre is a highly anticipated project, with many elements coming together through a series of complex, interconnected activities. Each step is carefully managed to ensure steady progress toward the overall vision. The pathway below outlines the journey of bringing this landmark community project to life.



Indigenous Blessing, Unveiling and Construction Kickoff

The Mayor will preside over the official construction kickoff ceremony, which will be preceded by an Indigenous Blessing Ceremony on the grounds of the new Event Centre. Respected members of the Indigenous community will lead the ceremony, honouring the traditional lands of the local nations where the Event Centre will be built. This moment of gratitude, reflection and respect marks the beginning of a historic project.



Contract Awarded to a Construction Management Firm

The firm is responsible for overseeing all aspects of construction. One of its first tasks is to develop a comprehensive construction schedule. It also prepares detailed construction packages and works closely with the appointed architect and the City's project team.



Schematic Designs are Finalized and Presented to Council

Updated renderings are presented to City Council, where the architect highlights the building's key features, design rationale and layout.



Early Work Commences

The initial phase of construction focuses on preparing the site to ensure it is safe, organized and ready for full-scale building activity. This includes essential work such as utility relocations, grading and other minor construction tasks that lay the foundation for the main build to proceed smoothly. Hoarding walls will be erected on site, along with all necessary safety measures to ensure the safe flow of traffic and pedestrians.

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Road Closures and Parking Impacts in the Construction Zone

As construction begins, temporary road closures and reduced parking availability will be necessary. Insights from the parking study will help support the community by improving parking management, ensuring smoother access and reducing potential disruptions for residents and visitors.



Community Consultation

Community engagement opportunities offered residents the chance to meet with the broader project team – including City staff, architects and project partners. These sessions gave residents an opportunity to share feedback and ask questions about the new Event Centre.



Downtown Master Plan Unveiled

In December 2025, City Council will receive the updated 30-year Downtown Master Plan - a bold roadmap to guide the long-term revitalization and transformation of Greater Sudbury’s core. This comprehensive plan serves as the foundation for future development, aligning projects like the Event Centre with broader efforts to create a vibrant, accessible and thriving downtown..



Expression of Interest Issued

During the construction period, an Expression of Interest will be launched to invite investors and developers - such as hotels, restaurants, retail and other enterprises - to explore development opportunities in the spaces surrounding the new Event Centre. This process will help attract investment, stimulate economic activity and ensure that the Event Centre is supported by a dynamic mix of amenities that enhance the downtown experience.



Major Construction Period

With tenders issued and awarded, major construction will officially begin. As the project advances, residents and visitors will see the Event Centre structure rise prominently from the Brady Street site. This phase marks one of the most visible transformations in downtown Sudbury’s landscape, as the vision for the new facility steadily takes shape and energizes the surrounding community.



Structural Complete

Once the Event Centre reaches structural completion, the building’s frame and exterior will be finalized, making the facility “weather tight.” This milestone ensures construction can continue on schedule, regardless of the season. It also marks the point when the Event Centre begins to resemble the world-class venue that will soon welcome thousands of community members and visitors.



Interior Finishing

With the building shell in place, attention turns inward. Interior finishing work will bring the facility to life through detailed customization, millwork and the installation of specialized equipment. Spaces will be retrofitted and refined to ensure the Event Centre can seamlessly accommodate its multipurpose role as a premier destination for arts, culture, sports, entertainment, expositions and community events.



Divestment of Existing Spaces

As the Event Centre nears completion, a report will outline options for the future use or divestment of properties no longer needed, including the Sudbury Community Arena and other municipally owned spaces. The existing Market space will also be dismantled, making way for new opportunities aligned with the Downtown Master Plan.



Grand Opening and Public Open House

Before hosting its first major event, the public will be invited to tour the new Event Centre and experience its full range of amenities through an interactive open house. Residents will have the opportunity to walk through the facility, explore its spaces and share in the excitement of this historic community achievement.



The Official Debut

The moment the community has been waiting for - the official debut of the Event Centre. The first event is anticipated to take place in September 2028, ushering in a new era for sports, entertainment and cultural gatherings in Greater Sudbury. The facility will serve as a hub for arts, culture, expositions, heritage events and more - cementing its role as a cornerstone of the city's downtown revitalization.