



**Mayor and Council
City of Markham
C/O City Clerk**

Aug, 28, 2019

Re: Cyrus Community Centre update

Introduction

Cyrus Foundation is a registered Canadian charity committed to building inclusive environments across the country where youth ages 15 to 25 can engage, inspire and grow. Places to build connections with peers, mentors and the community and participate in an explosion of ideas and opportunities that are infinite in scope, reach, direction, possibilities and solutions for the future.

To invest in youth is to invest in Canada's future...

The best way to ensure a strong future for Canada is to invest in our young people. At Cyrus Foundation, our mission is to empower the youth to realize their full potential through social innovation, entrepreneurialism, and education... We can't do this alone. We need your support to make it happen!

Historical Background

As you know we leased the building when it was abandon facility for over 8 years and was in the state of dis-repair. Since we took over the building in 2016, we hired a suite professional building consultants to advise us on how to modify the building to meet your expectations and our needs.

Due to hazardous nature of components in the building such as asbestos and mold, we addressed these issues first and then all other deficiencies;

We started the project in May 2016 to modernize the 22,000 ft² facility as follow:

- 1- Removal of asbestos
- 2- Removal of old wires and electrical fixtures
- 3- Removal of old plumbing and installing appropriate fixtures
- 4- Installation of new flooring through the facility
- 5- Power washed the entire facility to prepare to paint

- 6- Removal of drywall with mold and installation of new drywall



- 7- Removal of damage area in the roof and replacement
- 8- Repair of the roof in area where it was repairable
- 9- Install new fire alarm monitoring system
- 10- Install safety system as per fire Dept. instruction
- 11- Removal of exterior building flashing and installation of new flashing throughout the building and the aluminum face of the building

- 12- Major tree removal and clean up of around the building
- 13- Installation of new ceiling tiles throughout the building
- 14- Installation of new heating and cooling system throughout the building by shutting down the old boilers.

- 15- Installation of control system to monitor the heat and cold in the building
- 16- Removal of over 30 windows and replacement with the matching double glazed windows
- 17- Replacement of over 55 glass on most of the windows as they had wood covers
- 18- Repair and replace vanities in all washrooms including accessories and mirrors
- 19- Installation of new security system (with help from Mayor of Markham)
- 20- Conversion of abandon room to a new digital library call Cyrus Library
- 21- Installation of professional lighting and sound system for all GYM area.
- 22- And Etc...

Programs and events

- 1- From January 2019 to July 31, there were 11,891 total visited and attended programs where held 346 classes and events.
- 2- In 2018 we have had total of 288 events and 10,478 people.
- 3- Cyrus community center has been a sweet home for full time school for children with leaning challenges where their parents are involved with the programs.

- 4- In addition we formed a partnership with TAC sports where they provide sports programs to children in York region, especially those teenagers who are not very interested in sports and trying to get them involved,

- 5- We have been a home to a technical college where students from all walks of life participate in technical programs for upgrading their skills. We have established our Board of Directors and appointed a President...
- 6- Cyrus community center has enrolled over 2000 hours of volunteer hours to help high school students to meet their volunteer hours requirements.



- 7- One of the real success of Cyrus community center has been to build an art gallery where mainly high school and emerging arties use the gallery to exhibit their artworks. In all these shows parents visit the gallery to support their teenagers.

Cyrus Community center would like to invite the city councilors and the staff to participate in Oct 26, 19 for our second year opening celebration, last year we had over 650 people. In addition, we would like to invite you for Oct. 29, 2019 for International Cyrus day programs. Details of programs will come next week.

In addition , I would like all of you to visit our full school of young children, sports hub, yoga programs, mental health workshops, parents coaching weekly classes. The last week of September our art gallery will host students art works whre last year over 800 partners and students and school staffs participated

In summary, the Cyrus Community Centre has completed main deficiencies in the building and continuously looking to improve further. As our Foundation is maturing the number of participants are growing very rapidly. We look forward to continually improving and growing our contributions to the Markham community. Almost 24 months past since the start of the center. We strongly believe that the next 24 months will be incredible changes to the interior and exterior of the building. We believe that that we have captured only 10% of communities and this will grow over 30% in the next 24 months. Accordingly, we are preparing the infrastructure to meet these growing demand.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide and update and please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks to the city staff members, mayor and councilors continuous support to make a Markham a great community to live, grow, and prosperous.

Best regards



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