



MEMORANDUM

TO: BELLINGHAM PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
FROM: GINA AUSTIN
CC: LAINE POTTER; NICOLE OLIVER
SUBJECT: BLOEDEL DONOVAN PARK COMMUNITY ROOM RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATE
DATE: JANUARY 11, 2023

Staff will provide a project update for the Bloedel Donovan Community Room renovation project. This work includes reroofing the main building and attached offices/kitchen/restrooms. Work also includes eliminating natural gas services, upgrading the electrical service meter, and converting to high efficiency electrical units.

Constructed in the early 1940, the multipurpose room and attached building serve the community with a variety of amenities. The main structure functions as a multiuse room and kitchen for events, gatherings, camps, indoor sports, learning center, and other uses. The attached structure houses restrooms, utility rooms, and offices.

The existing electrical and mechanical systems are beyond repair and have exceeded their design life. The roof coverings have also exceeded their design life. Structural repairs may also be needed due to ongoing water intrusion.

Staff also worked with the design team to evaluate ideas for future work that may address the growing recreation needs of our community, including feedback received during the Recreation Needs Assessment public process.

While extensive remodeling work and building expansion is not included in the budget at this time, staff did want to consider the bigger picture to ensure the investment made today for mechanical, electrical, and structural repair work is compatible with future renovation opportunities. This conceptual design information may also be utilized at a later time to engage the public and create a vision for future funding.