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Final Report on Recreational Complex Feasibility Study Presented to Council

The consultant hired to prepare a feasibility study to determine the need and financial impact of a proposed multiplex presented the final report to County Council today.

By reviewing the Needs Assessment Study completed in June 2009 and interviewing major user groups, Nustadia Recreation Inc. determined that a complex consisting of a twin pad ice arena and an indoor playing field would provide opportunities for new and expanded leisure related programs for all residents in the region.

The consultant's report presented five recommendations based on the findings:

1. Council pass a recommendation for the development of a multiplex as presented in the feasibility study.
2. The County reaches an agreement with the City of Grande Prairie regarding the City no twinning the Dave Barr arena.
3. The County secure financing for up to 80% of the total development cost estimate.
4. The County establishes a committee to raise up to 20% of the total development cost estimate through capital grants from various levels of government and a community fund raising initiative.
5. The County considers development of exterior rugby and soccer fields and a second indoor soccer field to make this multiplex a regional sport and recreation centre destination.

Council accepted the report for information and deferred it to spring budget on April 26th.

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