

MAKING COMMUNITY FACILITIES WORK FOR COMMUNITIES



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When we think of community facilities, the tendency is to think about what individuals and their families need to meet their specific needs in a community. But what about the social fabric of the community? What physical infrastructure fuels a sense of community, a sense of belonging, a sense of ownership.

Below are a few ideas:



Purpose	Type of physical infrastructure that can support that purpose
Access to services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Hub • Information post • Notice boards • Mobile services • Schools/ daycare centres
Influence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civic buildings • Town halls
Solution generation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inspiring spaces for groups to gather and plan (equipped with whiteboards, screens etc)
Celebration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inspiring spaces • Culturally specific spaces • Indoor gathering spaces • Outdoor gathering spaces • Town square
Cross-cultural/ cross-generational understanding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theatre • Concert venues • Sports facilities • Libraries • Cultural centres
Connection to the land	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks • Nature conservation zones • Nature information centres

We hope you find these tools useful in continuing the momentum to build on local strengths, facilitated collaborative processes and learn together. Catalysts' Circle offers workshops, coaching and strategy design services that can further help you dig deeply into these keys and explore the others that can help you make a truly Connected Community.



Catalysts' Circle can be found at www.connectedcommunities.ca or email agloger@catalystscircle.ca for more information