### SEVEN OAKS - SEVEN OAKS ARENA Sod-Turning Ceremony // BBQ // Open House

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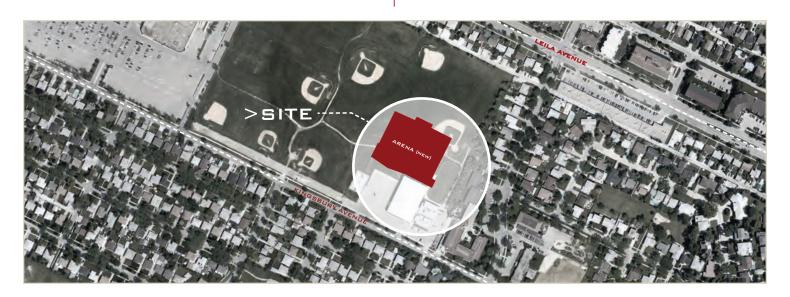
The Garden City Community Centre (GCCC) board and the Seven Oaks Arena Project (SOAP) committee is pleased to announce the expansion of the GCCC to include a double indoor ice surface Arena complex. This building expansion will result in the community centre becoming a true multiplex, adding to the highly successful indoor Soccer-Plex.



The Arena construction has begun with an estimated completion date of July 2014. The two indoor ice surfaces are expected to be ready for the 2014-2015 season and be open year-round. The cost of the project is \$17 Million, with two-third funding support coming from the City of Winnipeg and Province of Manitoba.

To celebrate this achievement a sod-turning ceremony is planned for June 14, 2013. Please join us in this celebration, which will include special dignitaries for a formal ceremony followed by a community BBQ and Open House event with display boards showing the design and features of the new building.

# Date:Friday, June 14, 2013Time:Sod-turning: 4 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.BBQ/Open House:4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.<br/>(Drop-In Format)Where:Garden City Community Centre<br/>725 Kingsbury Ave.<br/>Winnipeg, Manitoba



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### **History**

The Seven Oaks Arena Project (SOAP) Committee began in June 2009 to examine the possibility for additional indoor ice rinks in the Seven Oaks community. Research found that Seven Oaks had the highest ratio of residents to indoor ice rinks in Winnipeg, meaning further travel times and lack of practice ice available. In 2010, the Garden City Community Centre (GCCC) decided to look at the possibility of adding an indoor arena to their already successful Seven Oaks Indoor Soccerplex, in order to make it a true multiplex. GCCC was advised of the work already in process by the SOAP Committee and they decided to work together.

In February 2013, the GCCC, along with the SOAP committee, was proud to announce they had come to a financial agreement with the City of Winnipeg and the Province of Manitoba to move forward with the project for two indoor ice rinks.

The SOAP committee, which began as a few hockey moms looking for a solution to increase ice in the community, has grown to become a highly dedicated group of community members moving forward to make this project a reality. The current team is shown in the photograph below.

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