



CULTURE & EVENTS *Centre*



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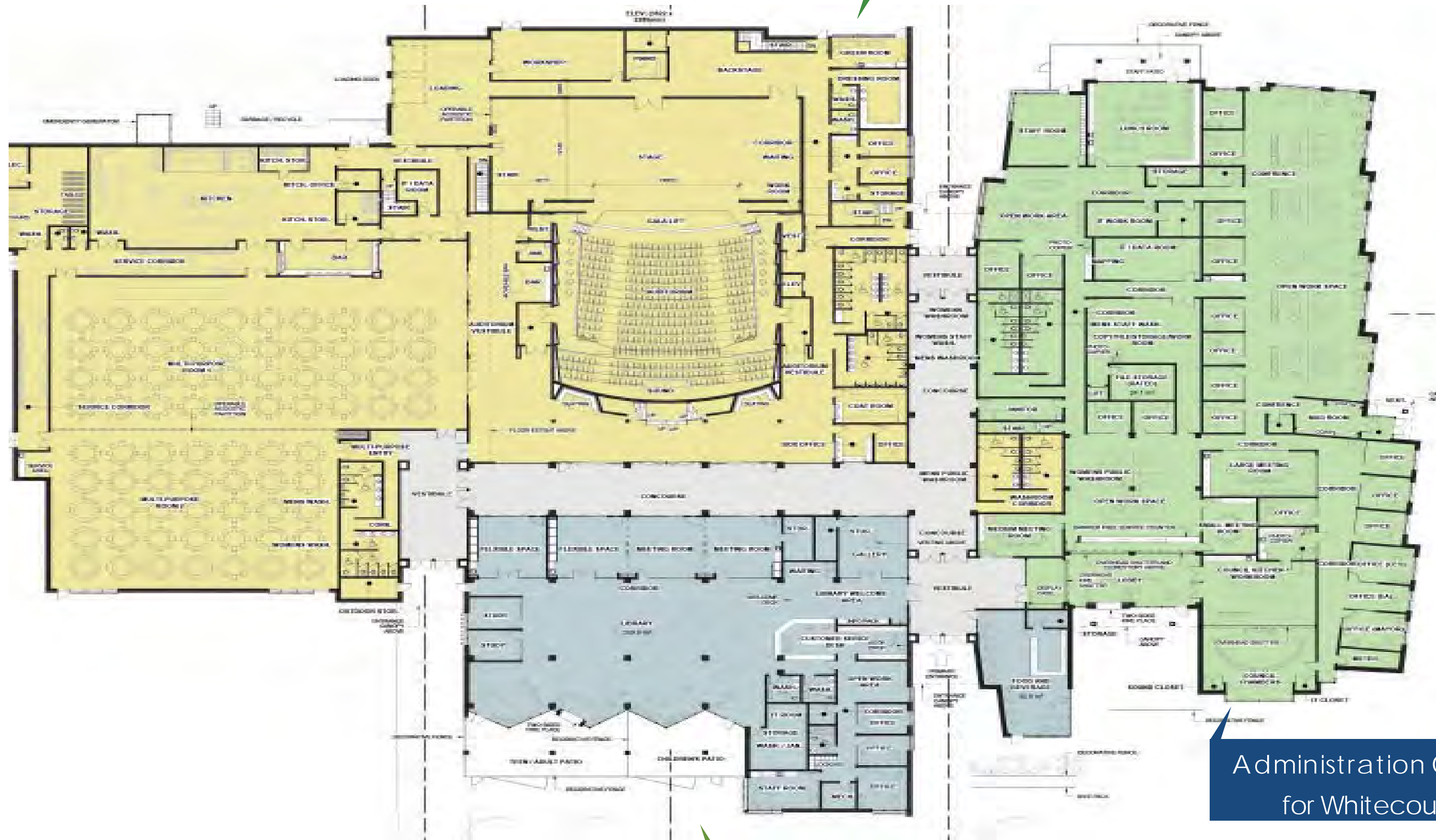


The Centre backs on to Festival Park and includes 3 components:

- Regional Arts, Culture and Convention Centre
- Regional Library
- Administration Office for Whitecourt

Old Building Concept

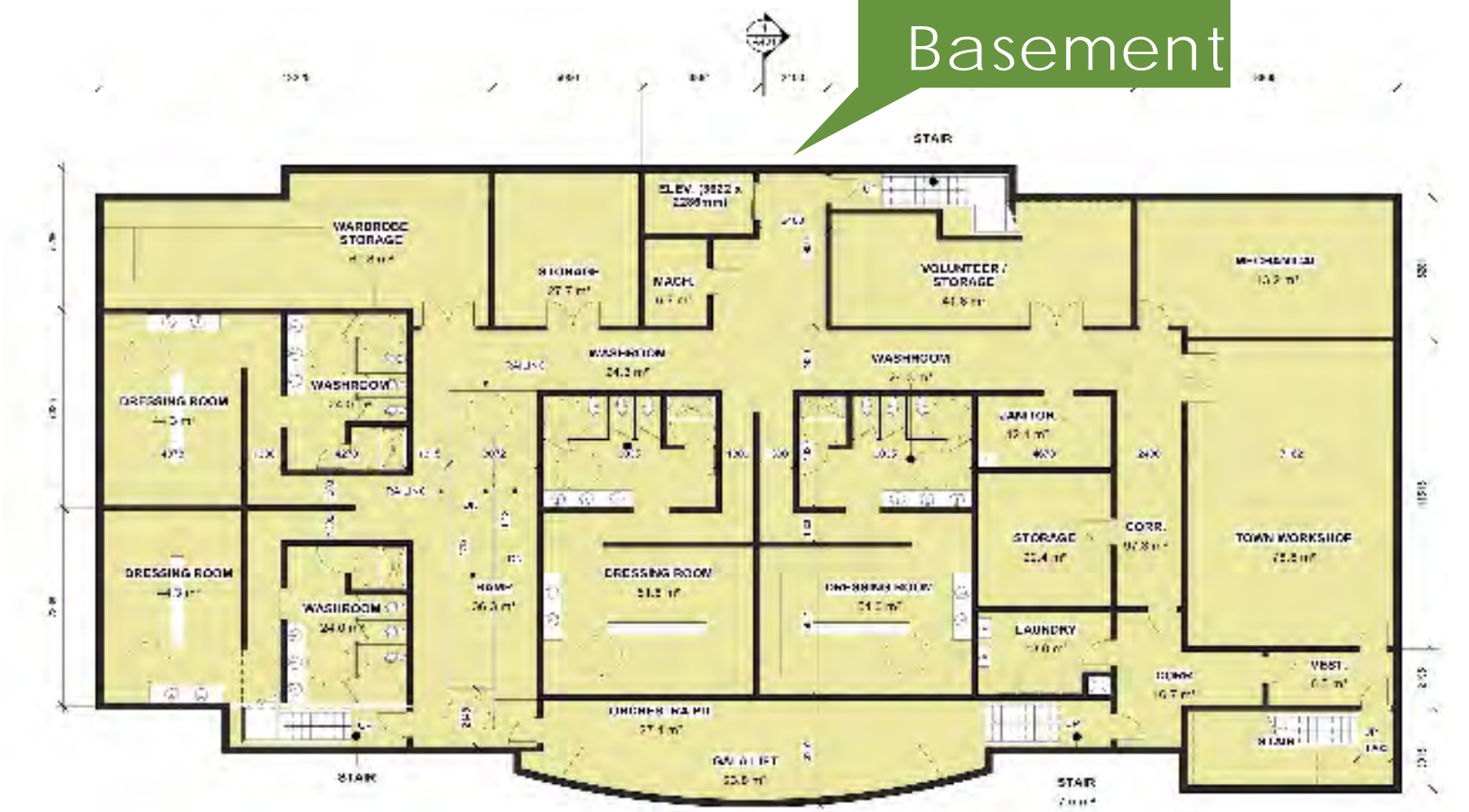
Regional Arts, Culture & Convention Centre



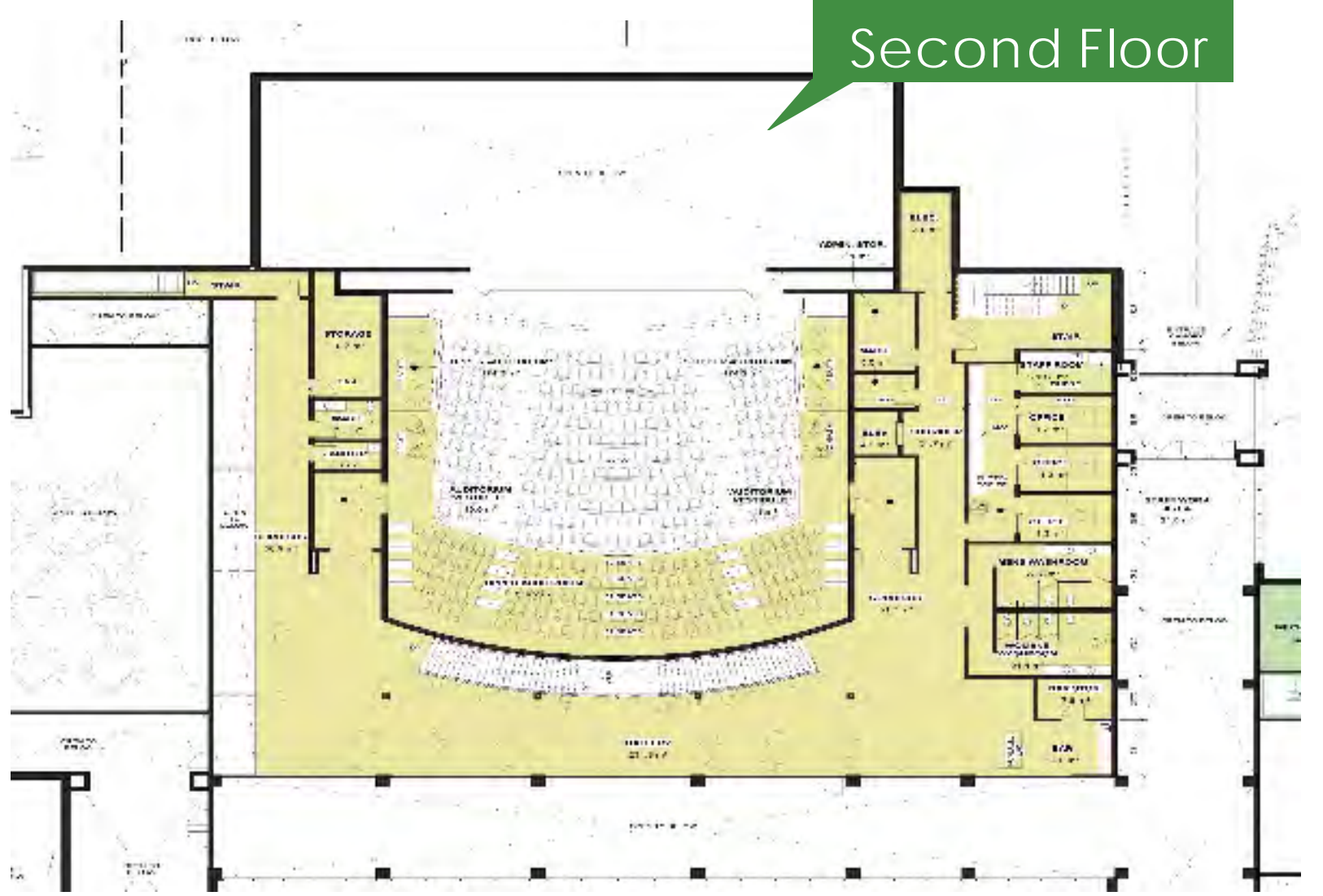
Regional Library

Administration Office for Whitecourt

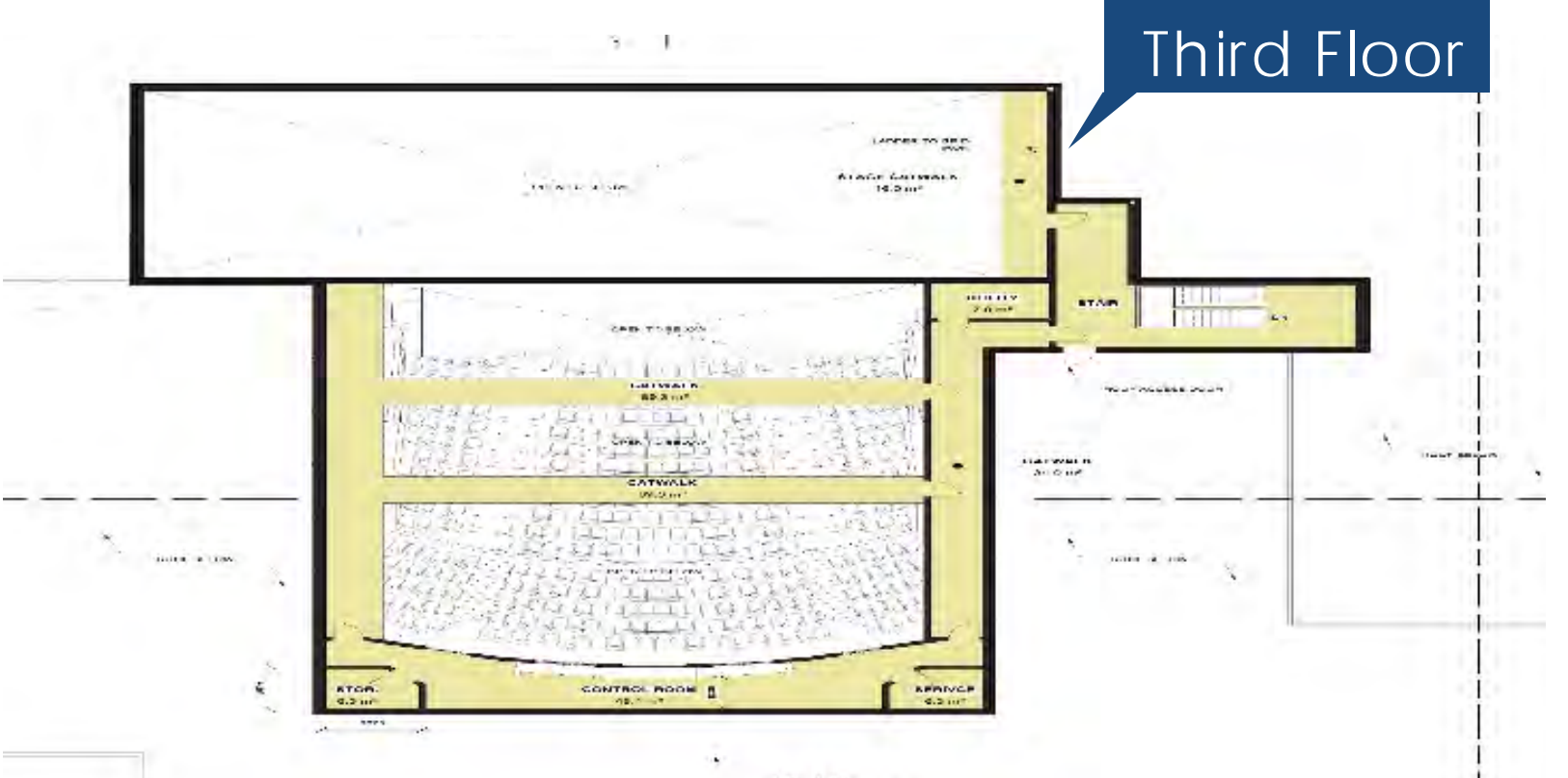
Basement



Second Floor



Third Floor



What's Changed

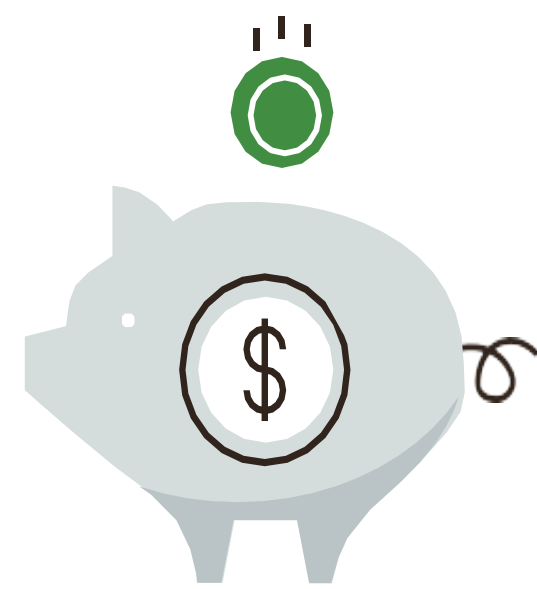
Simpler Building Design

The new design is simpler and has a reduced footprint (20,000 square foot reduction). The basement, second floor, and third floor have been removed from the design.



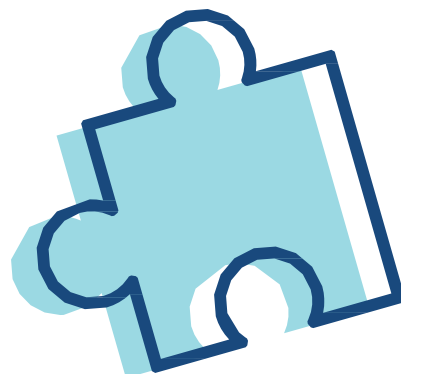
Reduced Cost

The project cost has decreased significantly due to reducing the size and complexity of the building.



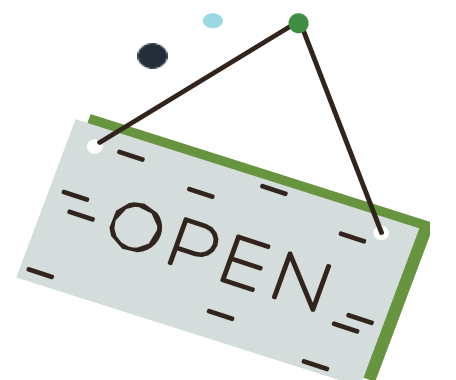
Combined Theatre and Convention Centre

The Theatre and Convention Centre has been combined in to one space, allowing for more flexibility and the ability to add additional seating as needed (up to approx. 800 chairs).



Additional Changes to the Theatre

The basement, third floor, second floor, and balcony have been removed from the Theatre design, reducing the square footage. The tiered fixed seating has also been removed, along with the fly tower.



What's the Same

Hosting Large-Scale Events

The newly proposed design of the Centre can still support 99% of the events originally proposed, including business and industry meetings and conferences, plays, theatre groups, community events, festivals, concerts, graduation ceremonies, dinner theatres, regional seniors events, dances, etc.

Theatre Amenities

The Arts, Culture & Convention Centre will still have fixed lighting, sound, acoustics, traditional theatre seating (retractable, cloth, with arms), audio visual, ambience, and a permanent stage.

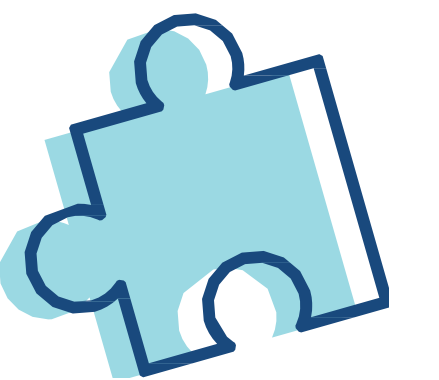
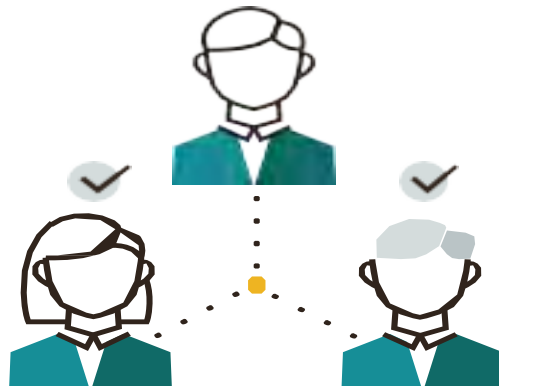


Conference Space

The Centre will still have the infrastructure to support business and industry meetings/conferences and regional/provincial conferences, including the required technology and kitchen. The Centre will address the gap in the community for conference space. It will have a large room that can be divided, with multiple types of seating options, and several multi-purpose rooms.

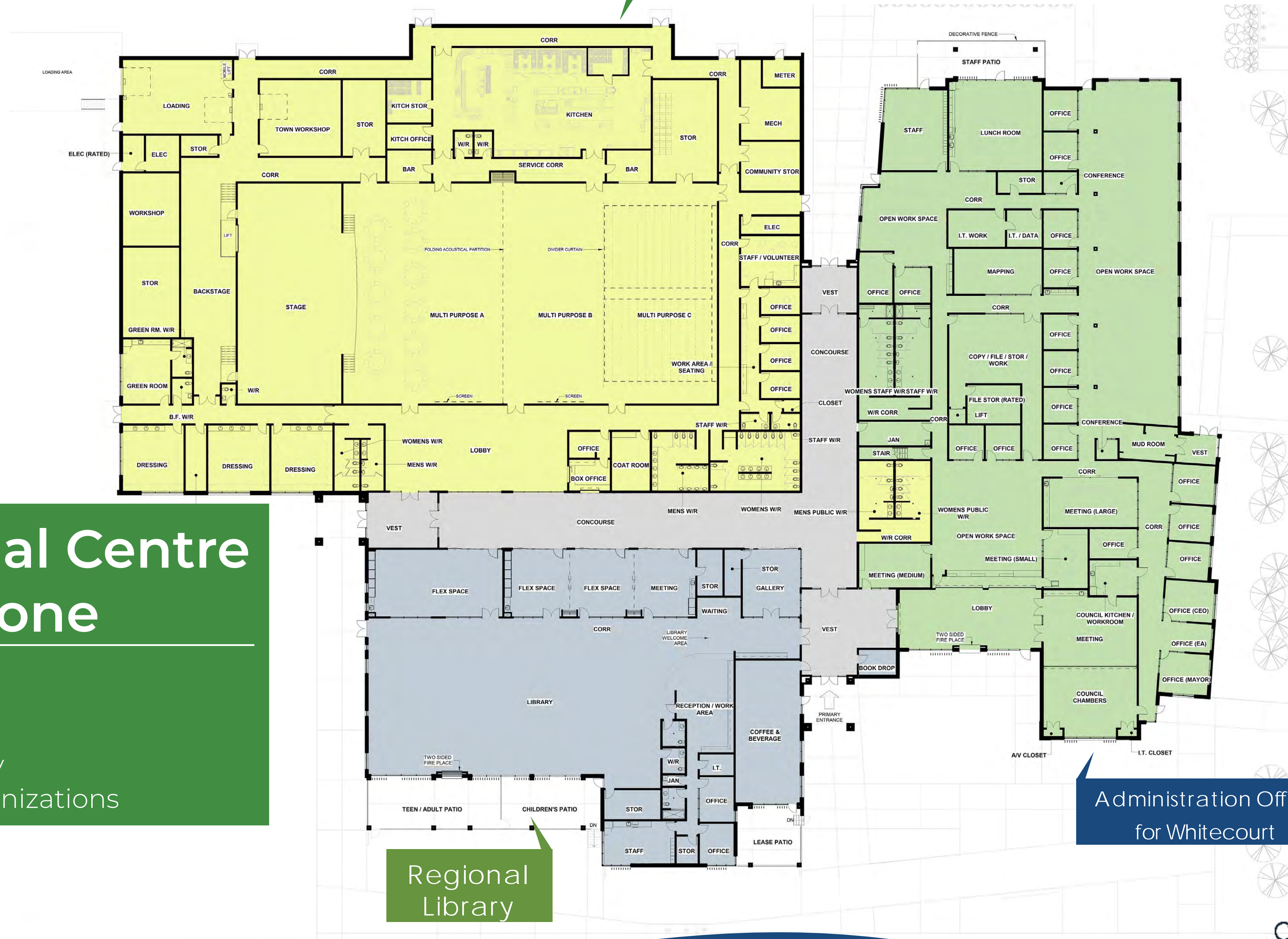
Multipurpose Rooms

The multipurpose rooms will remain in the re-design to support the library, arts and culture classes/courses, learning opportunities, conferences, events, concerts, and productions



New Building Concept

Regional Arts, Culture & Convention Centre



A Regional Centre for Everyone

- Adults
- Seniors
- Children
- Business/Industry
- Community Organizations

Administration Office for Whitecourt

Regional Library

Regional Arts, Culture & Convention Centre

- Industry Conferences/Meetings
- Concerts/Plays/Ballet/Opera
- Art Gallery
- Weddings/Anniversaries
- Film Festivals/Screenings
- Graduations
- Dance Festivals
- Music Lessons
- Parties/Galas
- Community Ceremonies



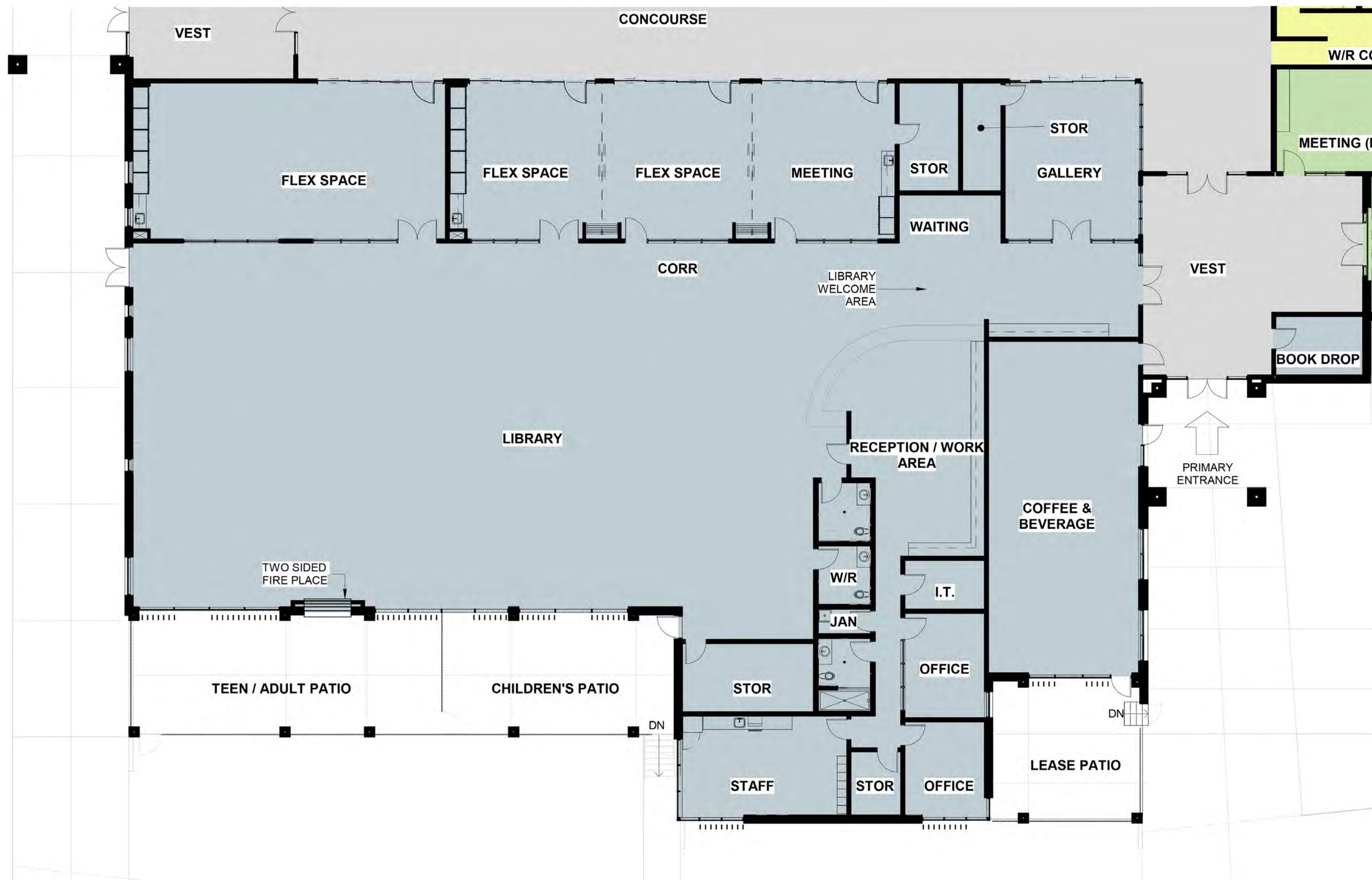
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Regional Library



- Workshops
- Seminars
- Maker Space
- Meeting and Work Space
- Study Space
- A safe group space for everyone
- Community gathering place
- Free access to technology and Wi-fi
- Community Programs



Administration Office for Whitecourt

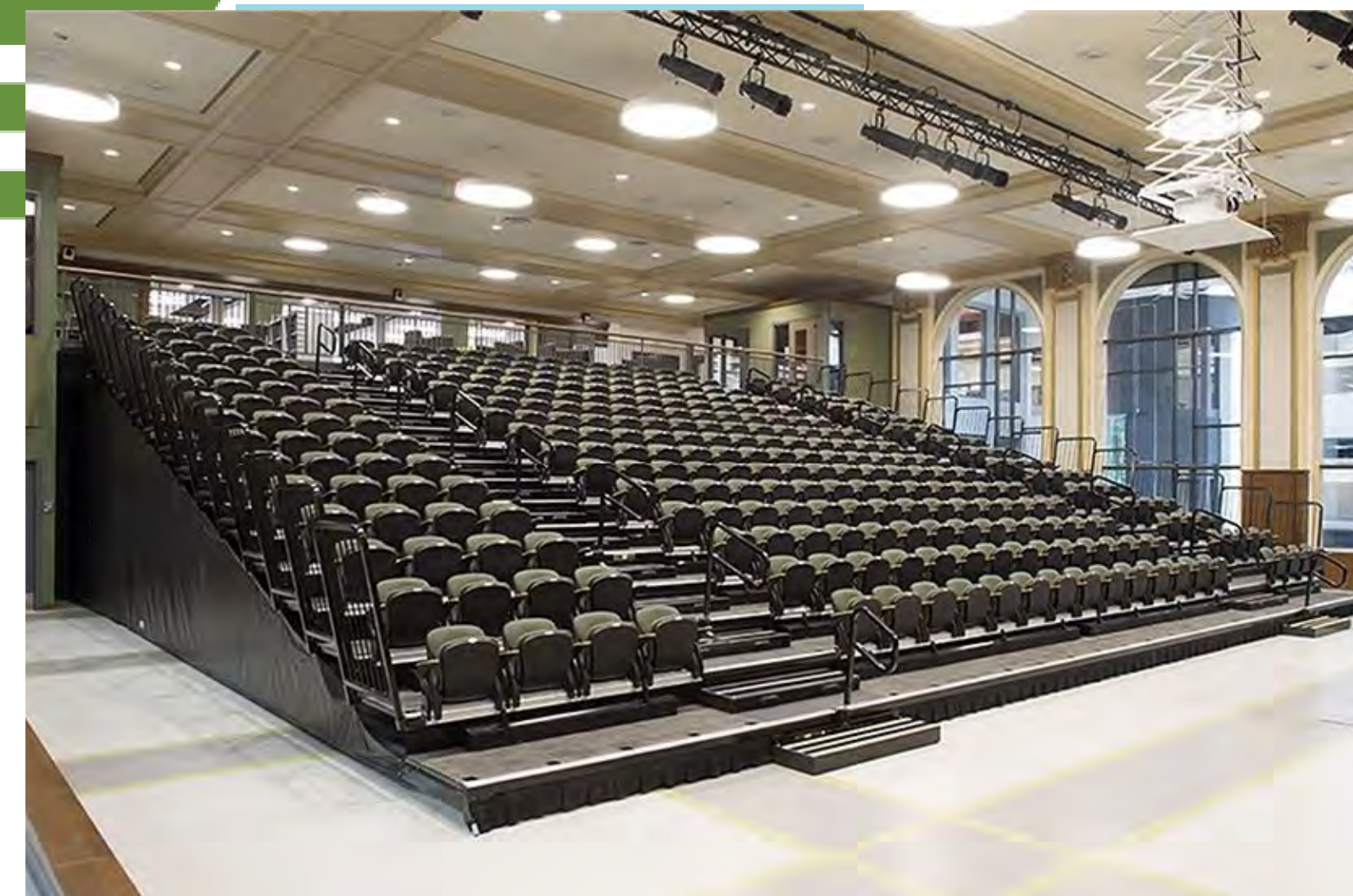
- Daily Municipal Operations
- Open Houses
- Public Hearings
- Council Meetings
- Town Hall Meetings
- Community Speakers
- Conferences
- Community Programs



Exterior Renderings



Interior Concept



Cost Reduction (\$16.9 Million)

\$65.3 Million



Cost of the old building design
June 2023
60% Construction Drawings

\$48.4 Million



Cost of the new building design
September 2023
Concept Design

Cost of the old building design in January 2022 during the Public Education Campaign was \$55 Million

Estimated Funding Contributions

Cost	
Regional Arts, Culture & Convention Centre	\$ 27,902,426
Administration Office for Whitecourt	11,686,196
Regional Library	8,817,743
Total	\$ 48,406,365
Revenue	
Canada Infrastructure Grant	\$ 14,528,730
Municipal Sustainability Capital Grant	14,248,165
Reserves	9,020,862
Debenture Borrowing (without partnerships and other grants)	5,595,840
Sponsorships	2,500,000
Sale of Assets	1,350,000
Local Government Fiscal Framework Grant	1,000,000
2017 Alberta Community Partnership Grant	162,768
Other Grants	TBD
Partnerships	TBD
Total	\$ 48,406,365
<p>Taxation Impact: An anticipated one-time tax increase of \$56.75 per household once the facility is in operation. This includes both the operating and capital costs.</p>	

