

PROPOSED ONEIDA RECREATION CENTER



By Oneida Family Fitness Team

The Oneida Recreation Civic Center building was built fifty years ago in 1973. The building has served many programs, including Business Committee, Library, Accounting, Bingo, and currently Oneida Recreation. The facility has undergone many updates and repairs, with many additional repairs needed. Currently, the building is over ten years past its projected lifespan.

The current Oneida Family Fitness building was purchased by the Nation in 1994 to serve as the fitness center for the Oneida Community. This section of the building was constructed in 1962, with numerous updates to accommodate services. Even with

updates, this building falls short of meeting the community's needs in several ways; pool is nonfunctional, the building space is not suitable for youth and elders, ropes course no longer meets industry standards, and limited space restricts additional services.

To address these issues, the proposed joined Recreation/Fitness Complex would provide direct wellness to the Community of all ages. It would be located in Central Oneida near Oneida schools, housing, transit and the future growth in the community. Although the School project and Recreation projects are separate, they will be located on the same property. This complex will also have expanded hours and services including; daycare, after-school programming, learning center, art room, social recreation room, sports and fitness, a teen center, sport leagues, martial arts, fitness, gymnasiums, track, team building, ropes course, and possibly, an aquatic center. The two options are:

- **Option 1 – \$87,685,000** Includes Aquatic Center (lap pool, therapy pool, recreational)
- **Option 2 – \$64,117,000** No Aquatic Center

Community feedback is welcome at the January 11, 2024 GM Community Meeting. More information available at: Oneida-NSN.Gov/Project-Status-Reports.

This information will be presented at the Oneida General Tribal Council meeting in March 2024.

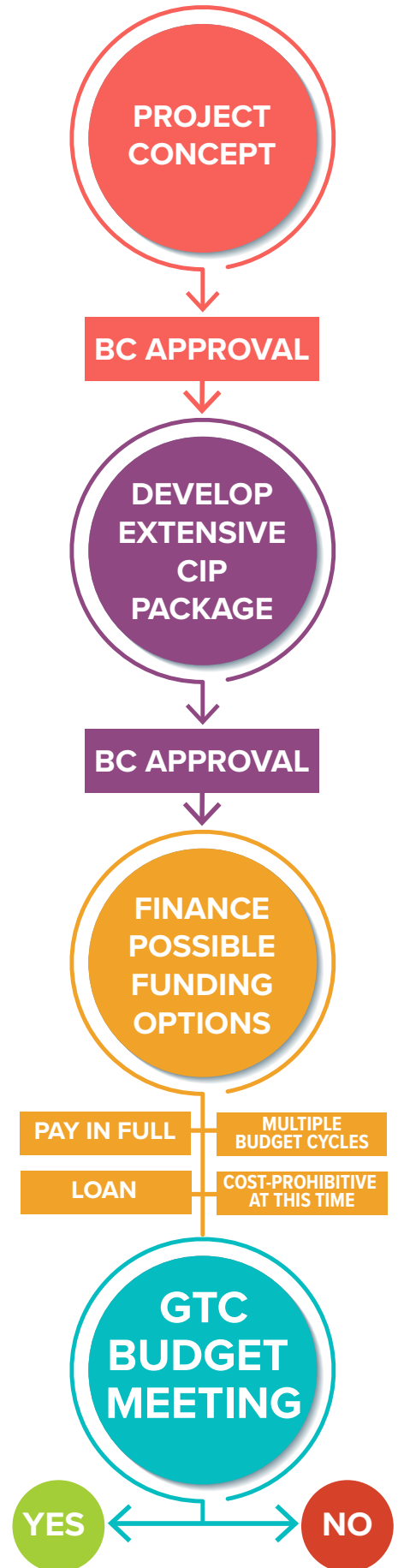
For questions, contact Arlouine Bain at abain@oneidanation.org or Ryan Waterstreet at rwaterst@oneidanation.org.

General Manager Community Meetings

Proposed Capital Improvement Projects

- Thursday, January 11, 2024 • 5:30pm • Oneida Recreation Complex
- Thursday, February 8, 2024 • 5:30pm • Transitional Residential Detox Treatment Facility

Simplified CIP Process



BLOOD QUANTUM-DECIDING OUR FUTURE

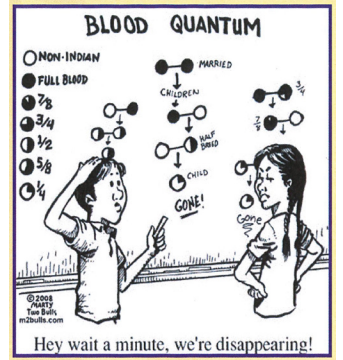


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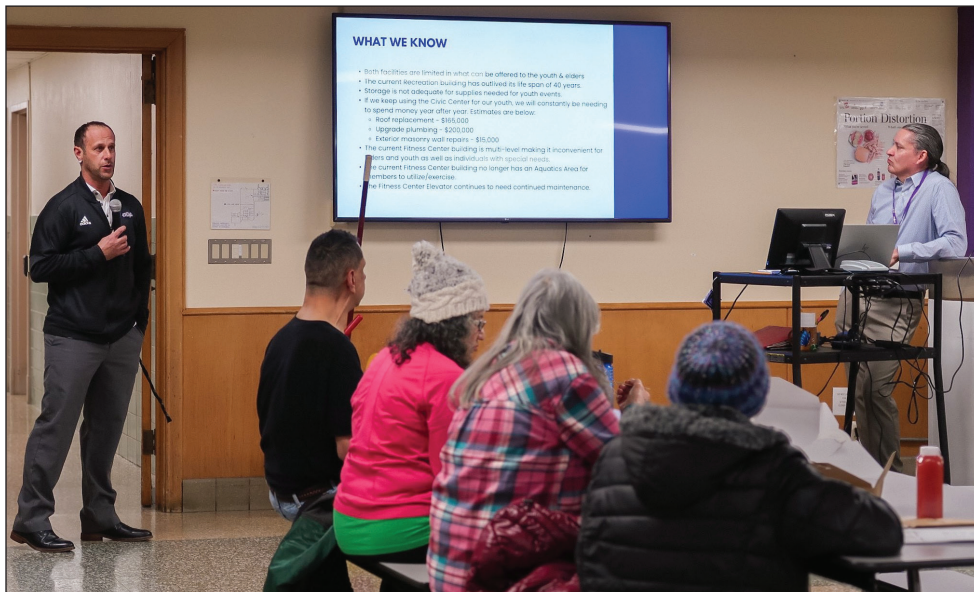
Norbert Hill Jr., the author of *The Great Vanishing Act; Blood Quantum and the Future of Native Nations*, gathered the Oneida Community together Wednesday evening, January 17, 2024 at the Oneida Nation Veteran's Department office to discuss the blood quantum issue.

Many Nations wrestle with the legacy of blood quantum and Indian identity as they work to manage Tribal enrollment and social services. The Oneida Nation is no different.

A variety of ideas and comments were presented by concerned community members, tribal leadership positions, including Oneida Business Committee and Oneida Trust Enrollment Committee Members. The meeting is essentially a preview of the upcoming Blood Quantum GTC meeting happening very soon.



Community Discussion Featuring Oneida Rec. & Fitness Complex Project



Click or Scan QR Code for Rec. & Fitness Ctr Complex Presentation

Click or Scan the QR Code to view the Oneida Recreation Project video.

Video courtesy of Irene Danforth and the Cultural Heritage Team.

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Mark Powless, General Manager, Arlouine Bain, Recreation Director, and Oneida Family Fitness Director, Ryan Waterstreet facilitated a community meal & discussion at the Norbert Hill Center Cafeteria Thursday evening, January 11, 2024. Approximately 35 attendees came to learn and offer recommendations about the proposed

Oneida Recreation Complex Project. There was significant support for this project as it will create a place to deliver direct wellness to all ages of the Oneida Community that will provide a learning center, art room, social rec room, sports and fitness, with extended hours. The project is intended to be a part of a campus approach with the new Oneida Nation High School project featuring stand-alone buildings easily accessible through paved paths.

◀ **Photo Courtesy Mia Charnon**
 Mark Powless, Oneida General Manager, and Ryan Waterstreet, Oneida Family Fitness Director, discuss the Oneida Recreation Project with the community.