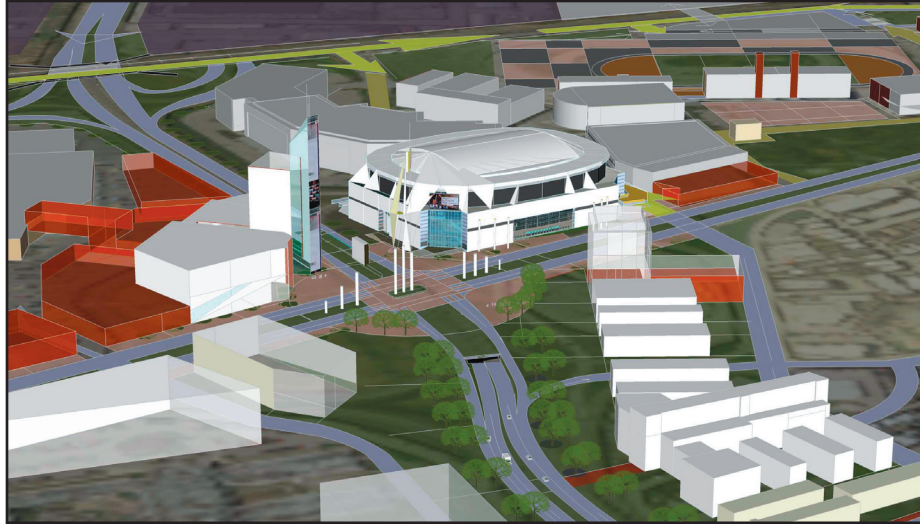


The Multifunctional Amphitheatre



The new multifunctional amphitheatre will be built at the intersection of autoroute Laurentienne and boulevard Wilfrid-Hamel.

From the dream to the drawing table!

The news made headlines throughout the province, and for a good reason! The day the construction of the new multifunctional amphitheatre was announced, the dream of a majority of Quebec City's population has materialized.

Just like a car that shows 300,000 km on the clock, the Coliseum has had its day. After its 61 years of existence, the premises no longer meet current standards, whether it be for holding international sports events, for organizing major cultural events or for hosting a professional hockey team. As a matter of fact, the Coliseum no longer meets our needs.

An area to be revitalized

Located at the intersection of autoroute Laurentienne and boulevard Wilfrid-Hamel, the new amphitheatre will receive high visibility and spearhead the revitalization of this part of town. The Quebec City Administration currently works on a vast plan to redevelop the area neighbouring ExpoCité. This area is experiencing serious economic difficulties and will benefit greatly from the impact of a new amphitheatre.

No tax increase beyond inflation

Quebec City negotiated an agreement with Quebecor Media. The partnership allows for a significant decrease of Quebec City's financial contribution in the construction of the new amphitheatre. Without the arrival of a hockey team, the City's initial investment of \$ 187 million would be reduced to \$ 57.48 million. And given the arrival of a hockey team, the City's

"contribution" would turn out to be a net income of \$ 12.04 million for the next 20 years.

The Quebec Provincial Government for its part will advance \$ 200 million and the group J'ai ma place ("I have my place") will add the \$ 13 million they collected so far among the population.

The Quebec City Administration guarantees it will not raise taxes beyond the inflation rate due to the construction of the new amphitheatre. Quebec City will control the investment's impact on the tax bill by changing its priorities, by increasing capital assets paid cash and through a strict management plan, including its plan for downsizing. All these efforts of course will in no way diminish services offered to the population.

Objective : autumn 2015

The project is already on track. The City has recently appointed the Project Manager as well as the management firm to oversee the completion of this important project. The consortium SNC-Lavalin/ABCP/GLCRN/Populous is working on the needs assessment. The consortium will determine what equipment is needed to hold the diversity of sports and cultural events at the new amphitheatre. This assessment will be completed by this fall and will allow to produce a detailed evaluation of construction costs. The preliminary plans and specifications will be carried out simultaneously.

The final plans and specifications will be delivered at the beginning of 2013. The construction can then actually start to be completed by the fall of 2015.

To learn more about this project, visit our website at:

www.ville.quebec.qc.ca.

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- Monday, March 21st, at 5 p.m.
- Monday, April 4th, at 5 p.m.
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