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Question	Answer
What is planned for Phase 2?	A new third arena will be built over the existing parking lot on the south side of Strathcona Gardens. Additional parking will be developed on a portion of Pinecrest Park that the SRD will acquire to support the project, with the support of the City of Campbell River, and a covered pedestrian connection will extend through adjacent City-owned properties. Both existing arenas will remain open during construction.
How many parking stalls will Pinecrest Park provide?	Parking at Pinecrest Park will provide approximately 370 additional parking spaces. Combined with parking provided on existing Strathcona Gardens land, this will create approximately 500 parking spaces serving Strathcona Gardens.
How will vehicles access the new Pinecrest parking area?	A traffic study is underway to assess traffic flow in the area. The proposed main vehicle access to the Pinecrest parking area will be from Merecroft Road.
How will people walk from Pinecrest parking area to Strathcona Gardens?	A new approximately 220-metre paved, covered and well-lit walkway will connect the Pinecrest parking area to Strathcona Gardens. Accessible and priority parking will remain close to the facility.
Will the existing trees at Pinecrest Park remain? View parking and landscaping renderings on page 3 or online at recreatesg.ca/faqs.	The City and SRD intend to retain as many of the existing trees around Pinecrest Park as possible and minimize impacts wherever possible. An arborist assessment has been undertaken to help inform the parking area design and identify trees that can be retained. The open turf area of Pinecrest Park will be converted to paved parking to support the new arena. At this stage, only a minimal number of trees are anticipated to require removal to accommodate the proposed parking area and site improvements. As detailed design continues, tree retention, replacement planting if needed, landscaping and site buffering will be carefully considered to help preserve the area's natural character and provide a buffer for neighbouring properties. **Renderings showing the proposed parking area and trees intended to remain are on page 3.**

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How will the Pinecrest parking area affect Pinecrest Elementary?	The Pinecrest Elementary school field will remain and is not affected by the project. The current concept maintains the existing treed area between Pinecrest Elementary and the new parking area. Preserving this natural buffer and considering pedestrian safety for students and families will remain priorities as detailed design continues.
How will safety and impacts on the surrounding community be considered?	Safety and minimizing impacts on the surrounding community will remain priorities as the project design progresses. The new parking area and connecting pathway will be designed to provide safe, accessible connections for facility users and the public. Particular attention will be given to pedestrian access and traffic circulation around Pinecrest Elementary, including the needs of students and families. The existing treed buffer between the school and the proposed parking area will be maintained. Construction will also be carefully planned and coordinated to minimize impacts related to traffic, access, noise and pedestrian safety. Lighting will be designed to provide safe, well-lit routes while minimizing impacts on nearby homes.
What is the REC-REATE construction timeline?	**Phase 1 –** Aquatic Centre opens October 2026; Wellness Centre scheduled for completion in Summer 2027. **Phase 2 –** Construction will be carefully phased to minimize impacts: • Parking & Covered Path: Construction planned for Spring 2027, with completion anticipated in Summer 2027. • New Arena: Construction planned to begin in Summer 2027, with completion anticipated in Summer 2029.
Will residents have an opportunity to learn more about the plans?	**Yes!** More details on parking, access, landscaping and connections will be shared as design progresses. Follow the News & Construction Updates page and subscribe to REC-REATE project updates at RecreateSG.ca.

For further questions, please contact SRD's REC-REATE Project Manager 250-830-6709 | recreate@srd.ca

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Aerial View of Parking and Covered Path

Parking Lot Facing North - Pinecrest Elementary School

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