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## **Lynnwood Recreation Center Renovation Rises to New Heights**

**LYNNWOOD WA (June 23, 2010)** — What weighs more than 16,000 pounds, is over 104 feet long, arrived in Lynnwood and required a police escort? One of seven wooden beams used to support the new aquatic roof over the City's expanded Recreation Center.

The City of Lynnwood and its general contractor, the M.A. Mortenson Company, took another big step this week on the construction path to the much anticipated April 2011 re-opening of its renovated and expanded Recreation Center.

Seven glue laminated wood beams, also known as glulam beams, arrived on-site in three separate special deliveries. "The existing glulam beams over the lap pool were a key architectural feature of the existing building. We wanted to retain and enhance that design element throughout the new facility," said Keith Comes, principal architect on the project from NAC/Architecture in Spokane. Each architectural-grade beam weighs over 16,000 pounds and measures over 60 inches tall and 104 feet in length. Due to the length and weight of the beams, special "rear wheel steering" trucks were brought in from New York City to haul the beams from Portland to the Recreation Center. The haul itself required a police escort from the I-5 freeway to the jobsite to ensure public safety.

As soon as the beams arrived, one of the largest mobile cranes in the greater Seattle area capable of lifting 350,000 pounds was used to lift each beam into place. As the crane lifted the beams, three men in man-lifts guided and secured the beams into column slots and bolted the beams to metal plates. All seven beams were installed over two days by subcontractor Bayley Construction. Next week, structural insulated panels will be installed over the glulam beams.

Over the existing lap pool, a new, translucent, semi-retractable skylight roof system will be installed over the course of the next several weeks. DeaMor, a Vancouver, WA subcontractor, is currently installing the aluminum structural framing over the existing glulam beams. The roof itself is constructed of specially formulated fiberglass reinforced panels manufactured in the USA. Lynnwood Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Director Sordel said, "The skylight panels will transmit light and natural brightness into the pool area, and are more energy efficient than insulated glass. We'll have about 12 feet of operable panels above the center of the pool on a motorized system, so that the roof can be opened when temperature and weather allow. Residents commented during our community outreach efforts that keeping the indoor-outdoor quality of the pool was very important."

The Lynnwood Recreation Center Renovation and Expansion Project is located at 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue West and 188<sup>th</sup> Street SW on the Civic Center Campus. The site is currently fenced and no public access is allowed during construction. Construction is scheduled to be completed in April 2011.

Recreation classes, customer registration and the weight room are temporarily relocated to the North Administration Building, 19000 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue West. Many activities have also been temporarily relocated to the Lynnwood Senior Center. During construction, City operations at the Fire Station will continue, as usual.

The \$17 million construction contract was approved by Lynnwood City Council in December 2009. The total project cost is an estimated \$25.5 million and features a new

leisure pool, new family lockers rooms, expanded cardio/weight room, new group exercise room, new mechanical and electrical systems, and new interiors throughout the building.

The building is LEED® registered with the certification goal of Silver. Architect on the project is NAC|Architecture in Spokane and Seattle. Project manager/owner's representative is Landon Construction Group in Seattle. General Contractor is the M.A. Mortenson Company. The structural subcontractor is Bayley Construction, Inc. with regional office in Mercer Island.

For more information call the Project hotline at 425-670-5533, or visit [www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us/RecCenterProject](http://www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us/RecCenterProject). To register for recreation classes call 425-670-5732 or visit [www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us/Parks](http://www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us/Parks).

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