

CRCA – Capital Improvement & Funding Strategy (2026–2029)

Prepared for CRCA Membership

Purpose

Following the March 31, 2025 Special General Meeting, CRCA members directed the Board to create a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), budget, and fund development strategy to achieve goals identified in prior planning documents. This summary integrates the Capital Improvement Draft Plan (2025–2029) with funding strategies for membership review. This plan is subject to change based on available funding, project timing, and prioritization of CRCA initiatives.

Why This Matters

- **Facility Age & Condition:** The Recreation Centre is a 138,800 sq. ft. multi-phase complex serving thousands annually.
- **Ownership Transition:** The City of Chestermere now owns the land (Sept 2025), enabling stronger governance and grant eligibility.
- **Immediate Needs:** Parking lot, roof repairs, mechanical/electrical upgrades, lift, and ice plant remediation—estimated \$667,031 were completed in 2025.
- **Long-Term Vision:** Maintain CRCA as the community hub while aligning with City recreation priorities.

Capital Improvement Draft Plan (2026–2029)

Priorities: Safety & compliance → Business continuity → User experience → Energy efficiency.

Year	Key Projects Summary	Total Cost
2026	Refer to detailed CRCA Capital Plan for full project list	\$590,620.00

2027	Refer to detailed CRCA Capital Plan for full project list	\$3,059,920.00
2028	Refer to detailed CRCA Capital Plan for full project list	\$1,286,000.00
2029	Refer to detailed CRCA Capital Plan for full project list	\$895,000.00
Wishlist	Skid Package for All Ice Surfaces; New Shop for Operations	\$4,450,000.00

Funding Strategy

The CRCA actively pursues diversified funding sources, including:

- Provincial and federal grants (e.g., ACI, CIP, CFEP)
- Municipal partnership funding
- Facility reserves
- User group partnership contributions
- Fundraising, sponsorships, and lounge/room rental revenue

Next Steps

- Launch Year-1 projects (Chiller replacement, compressor rebuild, structural beam coating) in 2026.
- Apply for grants and finalize sponsorship packages.
- Formation of Capital Improvement Plan Steering Committee for governance and reporting.
- Publish quarterly updates to membership.

How You Can Help

- Support fundraising campaigns and sponsorship outreach.
- Volunteer for events and committees.
- Share feedback on priorities and community needs.