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# MultiSport Centre back in play

Time has come for unparalleled sports medicine complex that's been mothballed for two years

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Something substantial is finally happening on a Burnaby building project mothballed more than two years ago.

Trailers and backhoes have moved onto the site near Kensington and Sproutt in preparation for a construction relaunch next month that should lead to the opening of the \$54-million MultiSport Centre of Excellence by the spring of 2012.

For MultiSport Centre foundation chair Scott Couzens, the delay has been exasperating. Proponents once thought the unique sports medicine facility would be used and showcased at the 2010 Olympics.

"I can't begin to tell you how frustrating it was," said Couzens, a 46-year-old mining industry executive.

"It meant even more years of delay with this great vision we have."

About 15 per cent of the project was built in 2008 before the recession brought everything to an immediate halt. Bank financing pulled back and the foundation had to wait for circumstances to improve. That time has come. Couzens said the MultiSport Centre foundation has raised and spent \$23 million on the

project so far — funds donated by Couzens himself — and has commitments for another \$4 million in donations.

He expects another \$15 million will be donated by large corporate sponsors and individuals and his family is prepared to put up millions more to make up any funding shortfall that might occur. Couzens said the 146,000-square-foot MultiSport complex will be like nothing else in the world when it opens.

It will feature a gymnasium, accommodation for athletes, a turf soccer field, office and retail space and a wide range of facilities for sports-medicine experts who will work in an integrated environment.

Expect biomechanists, exercise physiologists, orthopedic surgeons, physiotherapists, chiropractors, massage therapists and others to work together under one roof.

Couzens said renowned Norwegian speed skater Johann Olav Koss, who is expected to join the project's athlete advisory board, has told him the project has no comparison.

"He said one or two facilities in Europe come close but nothing has

the full integration of everything we need to keep athletes healthy and fit," he said.

"Steve Nash said the NCAA has similar facilities but they're more spread out and people internally don't work that closely with each other."

Nash will also join the advisory board, along with Koss, former Vancouver Canucks captain Trevor Linden, Olympic rower Silken Laumann and others to be named later.

Couzens used to play football but poorly diagnosed knee and hip injuries forced him out of the game at an early age.

"Physio people I dealt with had no real idea of any surgery I'd had," he said. "It was just a very fractionated system."

Couzens originally planned to develop a facility that would focus on soccer because he was so impressed with the work being done with limited resources in Burnaby by the late Roman Tullis, who founded the European Soccer School of Excellence.

But the vision expanded when it attracted the support of some of the most talented sports medicine practitioners in B. C. such as physiotherapists Rick Celebrini and Alex McKechnie, SportMedBC president Lynda Cannell, orthopedic surgeon Brian Day and 2010 Olympic Games chief medical officer Jack Taunton.

Celebrini, whose client list includes Nash, said many other practitioners are anxious to get involved in the new project.

"The consensus is we have such a great talent pool here and so many skilled individuals working in isolation who would love to be involved in something more collaborative," he said. "There's a real buzz amongst a lot of people."

McKechnie works in Los Angeles as the athletic performance coordinator for the Los Angeles Lakers but wants to return to Vancouver at some point and the new MultiSport complex might be the key.

"When it's open and gets to the point where it needs people to step in and help operate the system, then I'd be ready to do that if the timing was right," he said.

McKechnie feels the project could become one of the greatest things to ever happen to Metro Vancouver.

"It will become a destination point for athletes, providing everything from imaging to rehab to conditioning to training," he said. "I think ultimately the potential is astronomical."

Linden predicts it will put Vancouver on the map as far as "excellence in sport."

"When I look back at my formative teenage years, I was training a lot but grasping at straws and guessing what to do," he said. "To have access to the very best minds is just huge."

Couzens said some of the very best people in their fields have been invited to participate for a specific purpose because no one wants to create some kind of "mail."



MultiSport Centre of Excellence chair Scott Couzens (left) and physiotherapist Rick Celebrini survey the construction site.

"Based on all the interest so far, I'm convinced we're going to be in a great position to choose tenants and not just have to fill space by leasing it to anyone," he said.

Couzens expects the MultiSport Centre will generate about \$2 million a year in lease revenue, which will be distributed to the Canadian sports community to help develop athletes and support research.

He said when the MultiSport "mother ship" is completed in Burnaby next year, he wants to have a downtown Vancouver facility that will act as a satellite operation and the Mix Fitness Studio on West Pender is the likely spot.

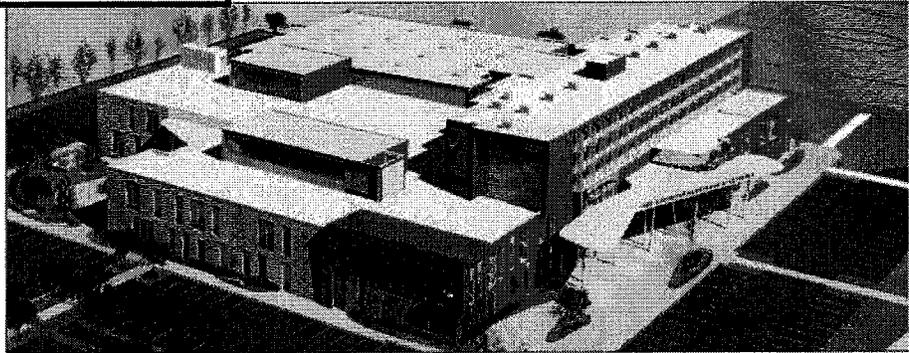
Couzens plans to buy the business and integrate it into the MultiSport operation. Burnaby Mayor Derek Corrigan said he's pleased to see the MultiSport project back on track.

"There was never any potential for the city to lose money but the long delay did cause some angst among citizens," he said.

"It gave a target for some people who wanted to make political points by attacking it."

Corrigan said the new complex will add an important element to the sports infrastructure in Burnaby's Central Valley — an area that already has ice rinks, tennis courts, artificial turf and grass soccer fields, rowing facilities and a swimming pool.

"The city is currently clearing land north of the MultiSport project for future recreational use but Corrigan said the exact plans for the site have not yet been determined. New baseball fields are a possibility while the Vancouver Whitecaps have expressed an interest in building a new training centre there.



Artist's rendering of the proposed \$54-million MultiSport Centre of Excellence, which has 146,000 square feet of space.