

Vision Catching On For Expanded Carman YFC

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Plans are to break ground for spring 2022 on the Carman YFC Expansion Project. Photos courtesy Bridgman Collaborative Architecture.

The vision for Carman's Back Door Youth Centre expansion project continues to move towards reality.

Director Tyler Friesen says the Youth For Christ has had a 30 history in the community and growth in recent years prompted the leadership to invest in the future. In 2016 they purchased the former Piston Ring building and began working with an architect before reaching out to local supporters to begin raising funds.

In the past few years, Friesen says they've seen tremendous growth, running four drop-in times a week, and a weekly lunch program.

The dream is to add approximately 4,200 sq. ft. space that would address issues like accessibility, washrooms, office space, and the key feature, a large multipurpose room that could host meals, concerts, and even sports.



A view of the large multi-use room. Photos courtesy Bridgman Collaborative Architecture.

"One of the important things we kept in mind during the design process was to keep our options open for future programming and ideas as we strive to provide relevant youth programming, and interests of our students are often shifting and changing," Friesen says. "So, we wanted to design a space that would allow our programs to shift and change with them, and not "close doors" to future opportunities."

Currently, they're nearing the halfway mark to their goal of \$1 million raised in cash and pledges.

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Learn more by contacting Friesen at 204-745-6186.



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