



# KAMLOOPS CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

## KCA FAQs – FACILITY DESIGN AND AMENITIES

### What is included in the Kamloops Centre for the Arts?

- The Kamloops Centre for the Arts includes five core areas:
- Theatre One: Premier venue, 1,100 seats, full accessibility, advanced technical features.
- Theatre Two: Intimate venue, 450 seats, designed for Broadway-style productions, full accessibility.
- Feature Lobby, Café, and Gallery: 17,400 sq. ft. lobby for gatherings, café for food service, and gallery space for art displays.
- Back of House: Loading dock, rehearsal halls, green rooms, dressing rooms, offices, concession areas, art storage, box offices, and general storage.
- Underground Parking: Two-level parking structure with a total of 158 parking spaces.

### How many parking spaces are included in the Kamloops Centre for the Arts?

There will be a total of 158 parking spaces. The P1 level (base facility) includes 48 parking spaces and the P2 level (additional parkade) includes 110 parking spaces. 32 parking spaces have been designed as 'EV-Ready', allowing for the easy installation of charging stations now or in the future. Adding the second level of parking during the main build is more efficient and cost-effective than constructing a standalone structure in the future. It addresses public expectations for the facility created by the original concept and future-proofs the facility to support the downtown core. The Kamloops Central Business Improvement Association supports this option for its broader community benefits.

### Did the number of parking spaces change from what was originally proposed?

The number of parking spaces has varied between each design iteration, as the theatre design and accessibility were prioritized through the planning and budgeting process. Ultimately, with the addition of the second level of parking, the total of 158 parking spaces is slightly more than what was proposed in the summer of 2024 (125 spaces).

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## How will the Kamloops Centre for the Arts benefit all residents of Kamloops?

- Provides diverse, accessible spaces for arts, culture, and community events.
- Supports economic development, business growth, and partnerships.
- Enhances livability, inclusivity, and sustainability.
- Offers recreational, cultural, and social opportunities for all ages and abilities.
- Designed to exceed energy efficiency standards, reducing future operational costs and environmental impact.

## What amenities and features will be accessible to the public outside of performance times?

The feature lobby, café, and art gallery spaces are designed to be open and welcoming to the public throughout the day, not just during performances. The lobby offers 17,400 sq. ft. for gatherings and community events, and the café will provide food service during the day. Art displays will be accessible for public viewing.

The parkade is also designed to be accessible without accessing the building, providing the opportunity for public parking when events are not scheduled in the facility.

## How will the facility accommodate people with disabilities or special needs?

The facility is designed with full accessibility in mind, exceeding minimum code requirements. Features include multiple elevators reaching all levels, accessible seating in both theatres, enclosed viewing spaces for sensory needs, and barrier-free access throughout. The design references the BC Building Code, BC Accessibility Handbook, and Rick Hansen Foundation design guidelines to universal accessibility.

## Who will manage and operate the facility once it opens?

While the City of Kamloops will retain ownership of the building and the major infrastructure systems (e.g., building envelope, mechanical and electrical systems), day-to-day operations will be managed by a new not-for-profit society that will operate at arm's length from the City. This includes staffing the facility, managing rentals, and operating the box office.

