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Referendum to Consider Self Funding the New Simpcw Community Complex

At the community planning meetings this past November it was identified as a top priority of the community to move forward with the construction of a new community complex. While funding is being sought through Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) in a variety of programs, to date fully funding the building through grants has not been successful. It is the intention to continue to source external funding, with the expectation that the building will be mostly funded through ISC and other government agencies.

Should the community wish to proceed with the construction of the community complex in a more timely manner funds could be available through own source revenue and infrastructure reserves. Should this option be considered every effort would be made to recoup funds from government grants where possible. To ensure alignment with the Financial Administration Law and in accordance with the *Simpcw Referendum Code*, Chief and Council, by way of a duly ratified BCR, initiated the referendum process and scheduled the vote for February 17th, 2023. On this day, Eligible Voters will be asked to vote "YES" or "NO" to the following question: *Do you approve using up to twenty-five million from own-source revenue and infrastructure reserves to construct the Simpcw Community Complex?*

Further and more detailed information regarding the proposal to self fund the Simpcw Community Complex will be offered at the on-reserve community information session that has been scheduled for January 26, 2024, and at the off-reserve community information session that has been scheduled for February 1, 2024.

