



# Graham Huskie Football Centre Expansion

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# The Home of Huskie Football

The history of Huskie Football is full of proud and strong traditions of achieving excellence both on and off the field. Players who have come to the program have been given the opportunity to compete at the highest level on the field while achieving success in the classroom, setting them up for success beyond their Huskie Football career. Our program has a rich tradition of competing at the highest level of USPORTS with 19 Hardy Cups, 9 semi-final wins and 3 Vanier Cup titles, as well as having 75 alumni drafted to the CFL since 1985.

In 2006, understanding that a top-quality football centre is fundamental to facilitate success, Ron and Jane Graham financed a new football centre for the Huskies football team at Griffiths Stadium. It featured lockers, meeting and office rooms, laundry facilities and ticket windows. In 2010, they donated again to expand the football centre to help provide more meeting rooms and a workout facility for the football team. The building is named the Graham Huskie Football Centre in their honour and also to acknowledge Ron's father, Peter, who played Huskies' basketball and football in the 1930s.

Over recent years and various visits to the football centre, Ron and Jane Graham have continued to support Huskie Football, but have noted that today's football centre does not enable the team to maintain its standard as a premier program in USPORT. The football landscape has evolved. The football centre has become a key element in recruiting and for year-round training for an expanded roster of 90+ players, in addition to the typical in-season uses and needs. Recently, it has also become a gathering place for our alumni – an important and essential element in the sustainability of our program.

Fast forward to today and the Grahams have again stepped forward with a transformational new donation to even further expand and upgrade the Huskie Football Centre. They want to ensure that Huskies Football has every advantage, both on and off the field. But they can't do it alone! Our football Huskies need your help as alumni players, friends, and supporters to contribute to what will be a \$16.5 million project once all renovations, architectural planning, engineering, furniture, fixturing and equipment is

included. **We plan to raise at least \$2 million of this total from our alumni and friends and many naming opportunities within the building exist.** There is truly a spot for everyone to get involved and take a place in this important endeavor.

At every practice, game, and event, our football alumni played with Huskie Pride. Being on this team and giving our all helped shape every alumnus to be the best on the field, in our studies and in our professional and personal lives. The current and future members of this team will have the opportunity to carry forward the great traditions, successes and positive outcomes that we all experienced. To ensure that the environment and facilities are best-in-class for the future of this program, we are asking that our alumni, where you can, provide the financial backing for the facilities this program deserves and to give back to the program where we had the experiences that were so meaningful in our lives.



**“The Huskie football program is very important to me as it played a key role in shaping me as a young man and giving me the skills to be successful in my career after university. The football centre expansion will give the team what they need to keep the football program competitive and take care of the players so that they can be successful on the field and in the classroom. This is a great opportunity for our alumni to contribute to a lasting legacy that will benefit future generations of Huskie Football players. I would encourage all alumni to get involved in the project in any way that they can to give back to the program that gave all of us so much.”**

**RON GRAHAM (BE'62, DCL'13), HUSKIE ALUMNUS**



## The Vision

In consultation with head coach Scott Flory, an expanded Huskie Football Centre is in design. The expansion will see an additional 2,000 square feet coupled with an interior remodel and an exterior façade refresh. Plans include a two-story addition to the south of the existing structure to bring it close to the end zone. The second floor will have a large team meeting room, coaches' offices, positional breakout rooms, and a beautiful viewing area for alumni and VIP stakeholders. The first-floor renovation adds an auditorium, hydrotherapy room, expanded locker rooms, expanded weight room, additional washrooms, and reworks the equipment room to make it larger and more practical.

A successful football team needs excellent facilities. Despite the upgrades in 2010, the game and the needs of players have seen a lot of change in 14 years. To retain and recruit the best we must compete with other schools who have or are building bigger and better facilities. This is our chance! Ron and Jane Graham's incredible commitment will go a long way in ensuring we can capture the vision for a reimagined football centre, but your support as alumni and friends is critical to get us over the line.

**"This expansion allows the best possible environment for our Huskie Football student-athletes. Beyond the football side of things, we will have premiere spaces to address their educational, physical, mental and nutritional needs. Our facilities set us apart."**

SCOTT FLORY (BE'99),  
HUSKIE FOOTBALL HEAD COACH



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## Overview

The Graham Huskie Football Centre at Griffiths Stadium in Nutrien Park has been approved for a major expansion, thanks to the generous support of long-time USask and Huskie Athletics donors Ron and Jane Graham, and Huskie Football Alumni.

## Project Scope

- Investment up to \$16.5M in a further expanded facility to support student athlete success.
- **Facility Design Includes:**
  - A state-of-the-art training center to meet expanded football roster including larger weight room, hydrotherapy, and shower/washroom facility.
  - State of the art locker room
  - Expanded meeting and film rooms
  - Expanded kitchen and dining space
  - Redesigned and enhanced laundry and equipment facilities
  - Expanded spectator balcony and VIP/donor event space
  - Hall of Legends honoring Huskie Football Excellence
  - Conversion of the original wing to accommodate year-round occupancy

## Donor Recognition

Donors will have opportunities for meaningful recognition and visibility through naming and acknowledgement opportunities within the football centre such as room namings and other recognition elements that align with impact of support.

## Impact on Huskie Football

- Enhances game preparation and long-term athlete development
- Provides additional space for strength and conditioning to meet the needs of an expanded roster.
- Improves operational efficiency for coaching and support staff
- Recruiting tool for prospective athletes

## Broader University Benefits

- Reinforces USask's commitment to athletic excellence and student support
- Enhanced game-day experience to host VIPs, donors, and alumni.

## Timeline

- Construction Design (50%) – November 2025
- Construction Design (90%) – January 2026
- Board of Governors Approval – April 2026
- Begin Construction – May/June 2026
- Complete – Spring 2027



## Investment Opportunities

Our goal is to secure a minimum of \$2 million in funding to support the Graham Huskie Football Centre building phase expansion.

### **Naming Opportunities:**

There are a number of exclusive opportunities to have your name etched in Huskie football history.

In recognition of your generosity, opportunities exist to have your name engraved on Tyndall stone saved from the decommission of the previous clubhouse as a founding partner - setting a legacy in stone for football legends to come. There are also opportunities to have your name placed in a locker of your former football jersey number in the newly expanded locker room to tell the story of all those who battled together on the field and wore that number proudly.

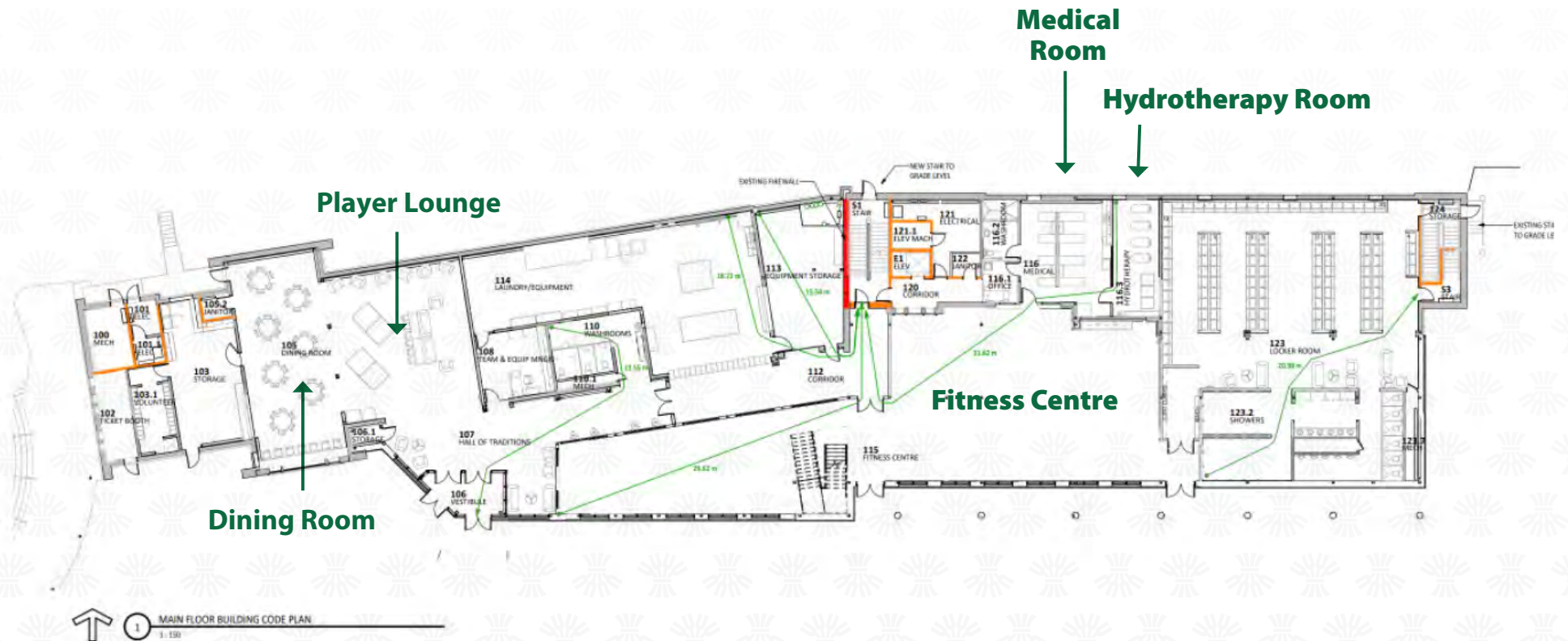
Naming opportunities exist for the following rooms inside the Graham Huskie Football Centre:

- Team Meeting/VIP Room**
- Locker Room**
- Balcony**
- Fitness Centre**
- Dining Room**
- Player Lounge**
- Large Meeting Room**
- Coach Lounge/Meeting Room**
- Positional Breakout Rooms**
- Hydrotherapy**
- Medical Room/Therapy**
- Nutrition Room**



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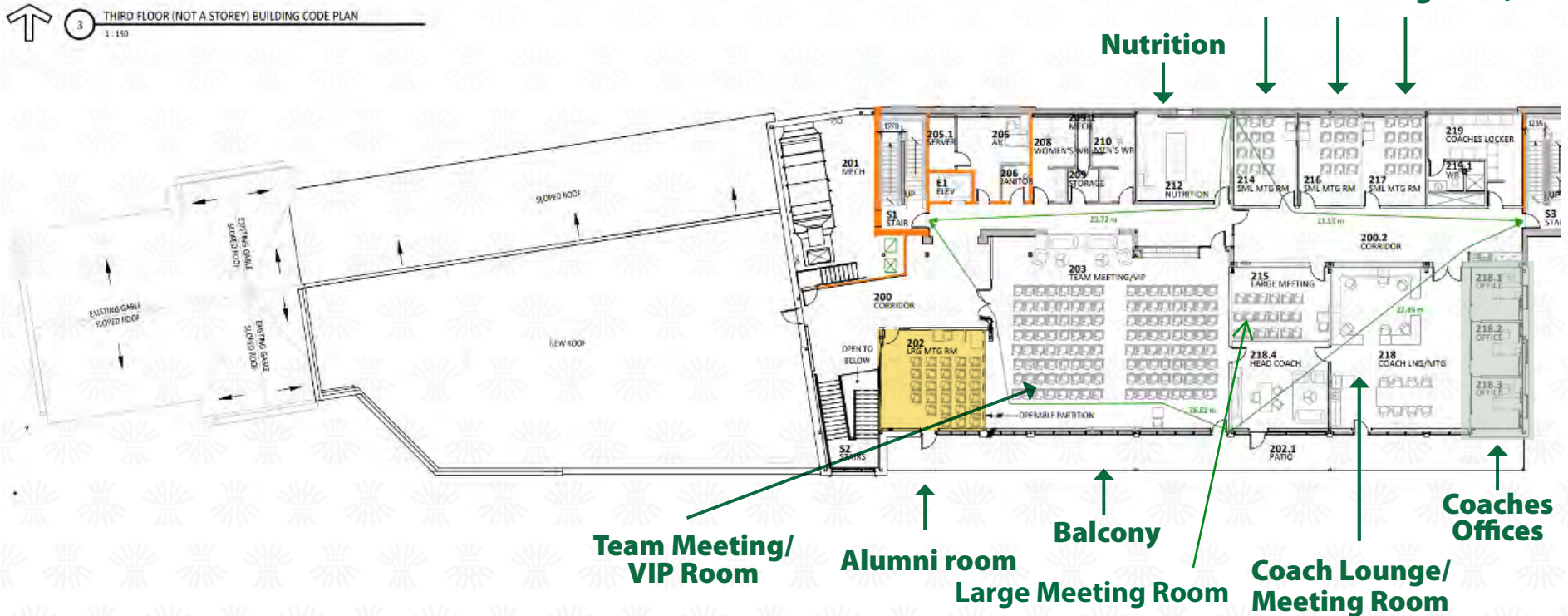
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## Positional Breakout Rooms (O-Line, D-Line, and Linebacker/Running Back)

## Nutrition



**Huskie Alumni and the University of Saskatchewan have a usage agreement in place for the alumni room so that alumni can access the space during the year and during and after games.**



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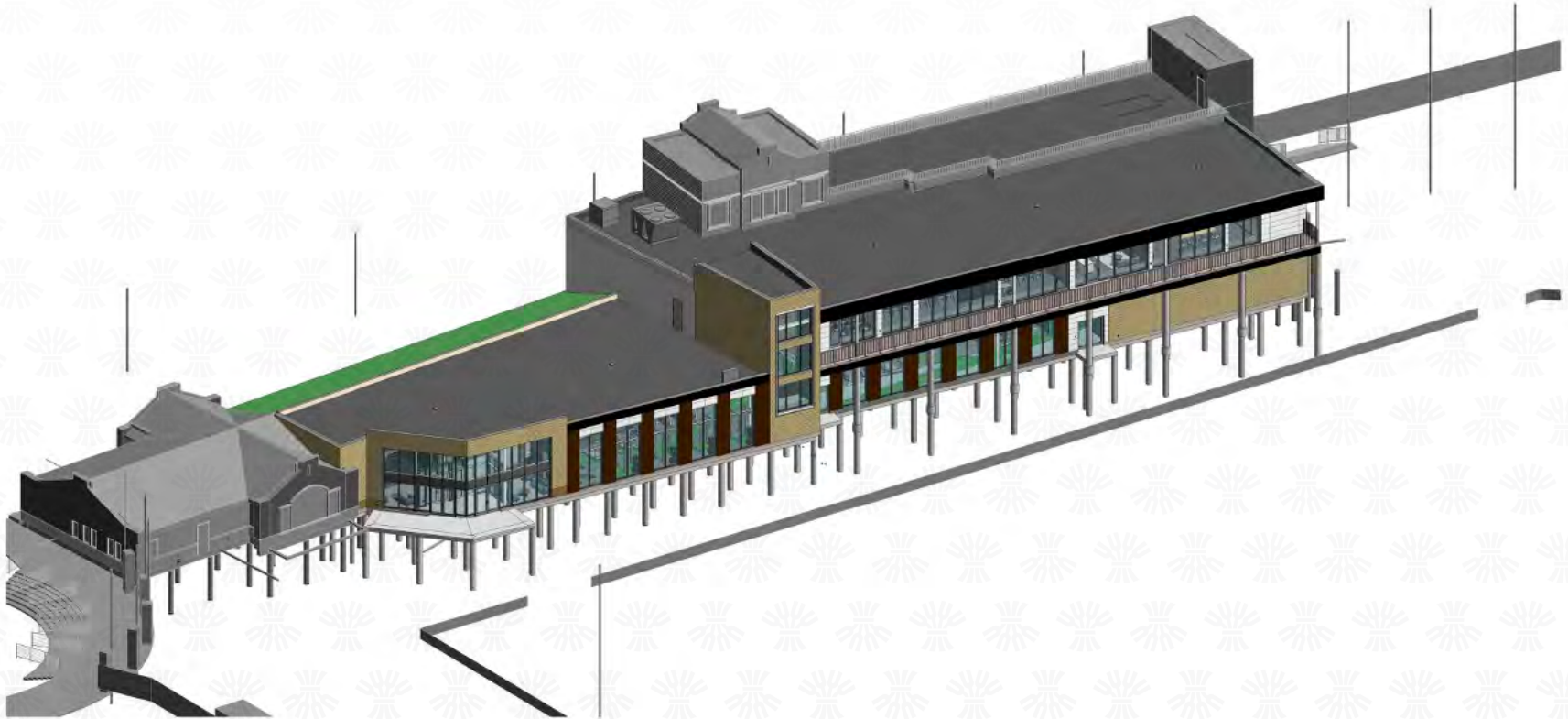
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## EXPANSION AND RENOVATION – WEIGHT ROOM



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SECOND FLOOR BUILDING CODE PLAN

1:150



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Open configuration with the retractable wall removed, showcasing both a theatre style for team meetings and round tables set up for events. Windows overlook the field.



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The Alumni Space set for a team meeting with hosting space behind. The retractable wall is removed to showcase balcony access and windows providing spectacular views of the field.



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The VIP room set for a team meeting.



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Opposite view of VIP room set for a team meeting. The retractable wall separates the VIP and Alumni rooms.



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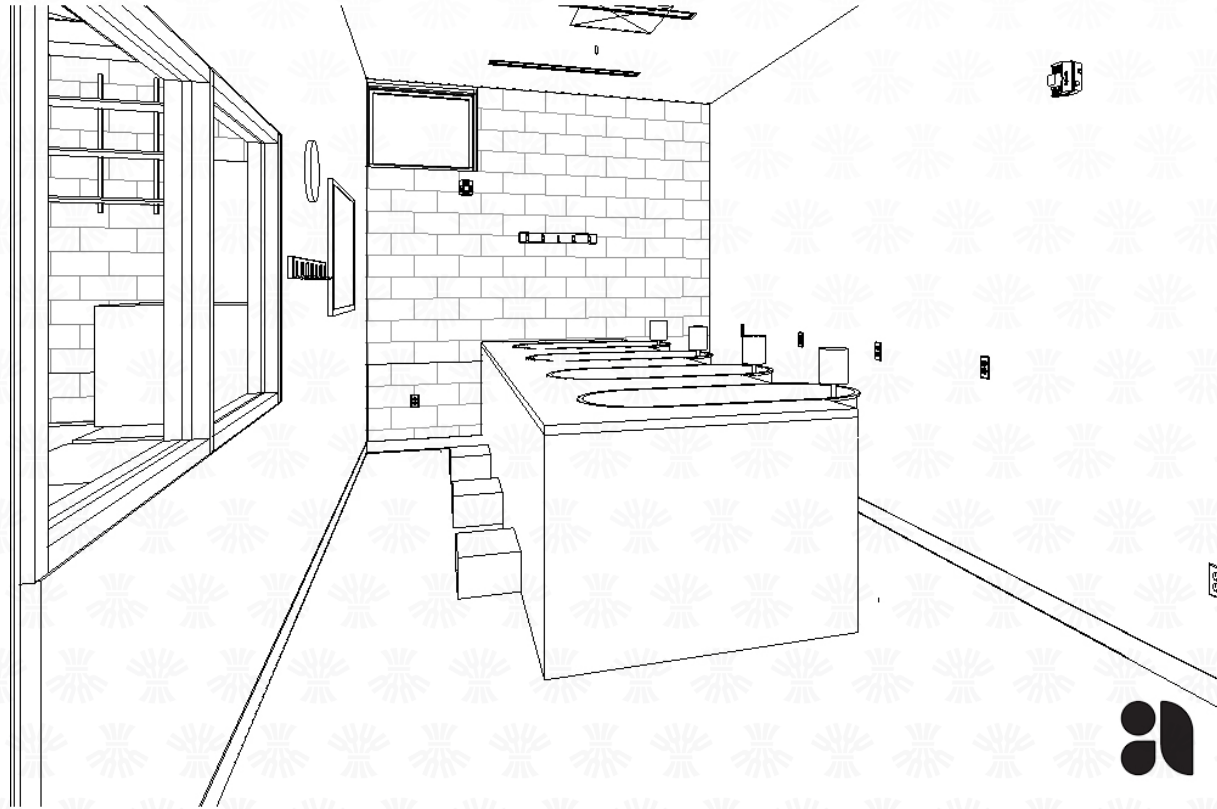
### Recovery Suite

The recovery suite will contain the medical and hydrotherapy rooms.  
View of the medical room with treatment tables and windows to  
the hydrotherapy room.



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### Recovery Suite

A line drawing showcasing the hydrotherapy room layout.





## Thank you

Thank you for considering an investment into the Graham Huskie Football Centre, the Huskie program, the overall Saskatoon community, and the student athletes and fans who call University of Saskatchewan home. Your support would elevate the experience for every athlete who steps onto the field and every fan who fills the stands for years to come.

## Contact us

**If you are interested in making a permanent impact on Huskie history, please contact:**

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