

# UVic news

## CARSA now home to Peninsula Co-op Climbing Wall



One of the focal points of UVic's new Centre for Athletics, Recreation and Special Abilities (CARSA) is getting a new name even before it opens.

Peninsula Co-op was announced as the first corporate partner for CARSA on Nov. 4, sponsoring the colorful 16-metre climbing wall that will now be known as the Peninsula Co-op Climbing Wall.

"Our board of directors and member relations committee are confident in the project and wanted to be involved in this fabulous state-of-the-art multi-use complex," said Penny Sopel, marketing and community relations director at Peninsula Co-op. "CARSA will definitely be an asset to everyone on and off campus."

Sopel adds, "To know that CARSA has been designed to serve a diverse group of users such as students, staff, high performance athletes, people with special abilities and the community at large is just fantastic. This emulates Peninsula Co-op's culture and values of people first, integrity, excellence, accountability and respect."

The announcement comes as CARSA nears completion, with an expected opening in spring 2015.

In addition to the Peninsula Co-op Climbing Wall, CARSA features a two-storey fitness and weight training atrium; a multi-purpose field house for a variety of activities; a 2,100-seat performance gym; multipurpose rooms for dance, fitness and club programs, including a yoga studio and a spin class area; a rowing ergometer centre; squash and racquetball courts and more.

CARSA is also the new home for CanAssist, UVic's organization dedicated to helping people with disabilities improve their quality of life, with a focus on promoting independence and inclusion.

More info about the new multi-use facility: [uvic.ca/carsa](http://uvic.ca/carsa)