

Backgrounder

Commonwealth Community Recreation Centre

- Opened March 13, 2012
- Retrofit and expansion project of the previous Commonwealth fitness centre on the same site.
- Expanded to 220,000 sq ft. of recreational space, 3 times the size of the former facility.
- Funded in partnership by the City of Edmonton, the Province of Alberta, and the Edmonton Eskimos:
 - City of Edmonton \$89.84M
 - Alberta Government \$15 million
 - Edmonton Eskimos \$7.5 million
- Extensive community consultation took place to ensure the facility met the needs of northeast and central Edmonton residents specifically and residents of the Capital Region generally.
- Advisory Board for Persons with Disabilities, Canadian Paralympics Association, and the Barrier Free Design Guide consulted to ensure the facility is comfortable and welcoming for all.
- City's second new recreation centre in almost 30 years. The first, Terwillegar Community Recreation Centre, opened in January 2011.

Facility Amenities

- Aquatic centre:
 - main pool for leisure swim and programs
 - 4 lane, 25M pool for lane swimming
 - leisure / tot pool (0 depth to 1.4M)
 - whirlpool with bench seating and jets
 - steam room on deck
 - waterslide & aquatic climbing wall
 - aquatic viewing area
- Field house (artificial turf):
 - football markings
 - soccer markings
 - batting cage (largest batting cage in Edmonton)
 - dressing rooms
- Fitness centre:
 - cardio area
 - exceptional weight areas
 - stretching area
 - weight machines
- Indoor track:
 - Walking/jogging (250m)
 - Includes stroller lane
- Multipurpose rooms
 - 5 rooms of varying size accommodating a variety of programs

- 3 studios (1 studio dedicated for spin bike programs with an exceptional view of Clarke Field)
- Meeting rooms
 - 3 individual meeting rooms set-up board room style with smartboards and incredible views of the stadium
 - 1 large meeting room that can be divided with smartboards and incredible views of the stadium

Unique Characteristics

- Great location – close to downtown, next to the Stadium LRT stop
- Field house – unique facility where year-round training for full contact field sports can take place
- Incredible design – beauty and function have been incorporated into this bright and welcoming space.
- Environmentally sustainability including sustainable building materials, water conservation, energy conservation and use of alternative energy, and air quality maintenance – the City is seeking a LEED Silver designation for this facility
- Programming designed to enable people to drop-in to use all the amenities and take advantage of drop-in classes, as well as structured registered programs to ensure a variety of opportunities.

Programs and classes

This facility is state-of-the-art, offering a wide range of recreational, fitness, wellness and social experiences all under one roof, both casual and structured in nature.

- There are a wide variety of drop-in programs are offered at a variety of times to fit every schedule. Full schedules available at the CCRC admissions desk, or on the website: www.edmonton.ca/commonwealthrec
- Great variety of registered fitness, sports, leisure and arts programs. www.edmonton.ca/ereg for details & to register or program guides are available at CCRC admissions desk.
- Search for programs and drop-in schedules at Commonwealth, or any City of Edmonton recreation and leisure centre, at www.edmonton.ca/recprograms/.