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Universal Design a Priority in Planning

The Commonwealth Community Recreation Centre facility incorporates the latest trends in accessible and universal design.

Color contrast, natural light, wide corridors, simple way-finding, accessible pools and change rooms are just a few examples of features you will find in the recreation centre.

The new parking area also incorporates universal design principles while also allowing the area to be used as a potential event space when not being used for parking.

Considerations in the design for individuals with visual and/or hearing impairments such as tactile signage and way-finding, digital signage, and acoustic considerations also enhance the design of the facility.

The recreation centre is proud to include these features and many more to ensure inclusion of all citizens in Edmonton.

For more information on the progress of design and construction, please visit www.edmonton.ca/nccrc or call **311**



New Name for Recreation Centre

Community Services is proud to announce that in March 2010, the City of Edmonton Naming Committee approved the new name for the recreation centre.

The former "North Central Community Recreation Centre" will now be called "Commonwealth Community Recreation Centre".

The name brings stature to the site, identifies the centre for residents living across the city, and reinforces the facility's role as a focal point of the community.



Artificial Turf at Commonwealth Stadium



The City of Edmonton and the Edmonton Eskimos have partnered to fund and implement a new artificial turf field at Commonwealth Stadium.

The artificial sports surface is appealing to a variety of field sports including soccer, rugby, field hockey, and increases the playability of the field in the shoulder seasons and during inclement weather. The versatility and durability of the turf field also improves the stadium's ability to host high calibre events.

Fans and patrons will get a chance to see the Eskimos in action on the turf at the first home exhibition game on June 13, 2010.

New Recreation Facility Features



The Commonwealth Community Recreation Centre will include new amenities to support the highest priority program needs of the community.

One notable feature is the new fitness studios overlooking the lobby area in the centre of the facility.

These two rooms are unique in design and share a common storage area. The studios are designed to host drop-in and registered spin, yoga, and many other classes.

If a serene place to stretch and relax is what you are after, both studios will be open for general use when not programmed for class use.



Project Timeline - Keeping the Momentum Going

Summer 2010 – Continuing construction on the field house and foundation construction on the recreation centre.

Fall 2010 – Prepare site for new landscaping including new sidewalks, site lighting, trees and shrubs.

November 2010 – Partial opening of the field house for Grey Cup event and closure to complete construction activities.

Winter 2010 – Complete construction of the field house, continue construction on the recreation centre.

January 2012 – Grand opening of the field house and recreation centre to the public.

