



THE WAY WE LIVE

PUBLIC VISIONING SESSION

BUENA VISTA / SIR WILFRID LAURIER PARK

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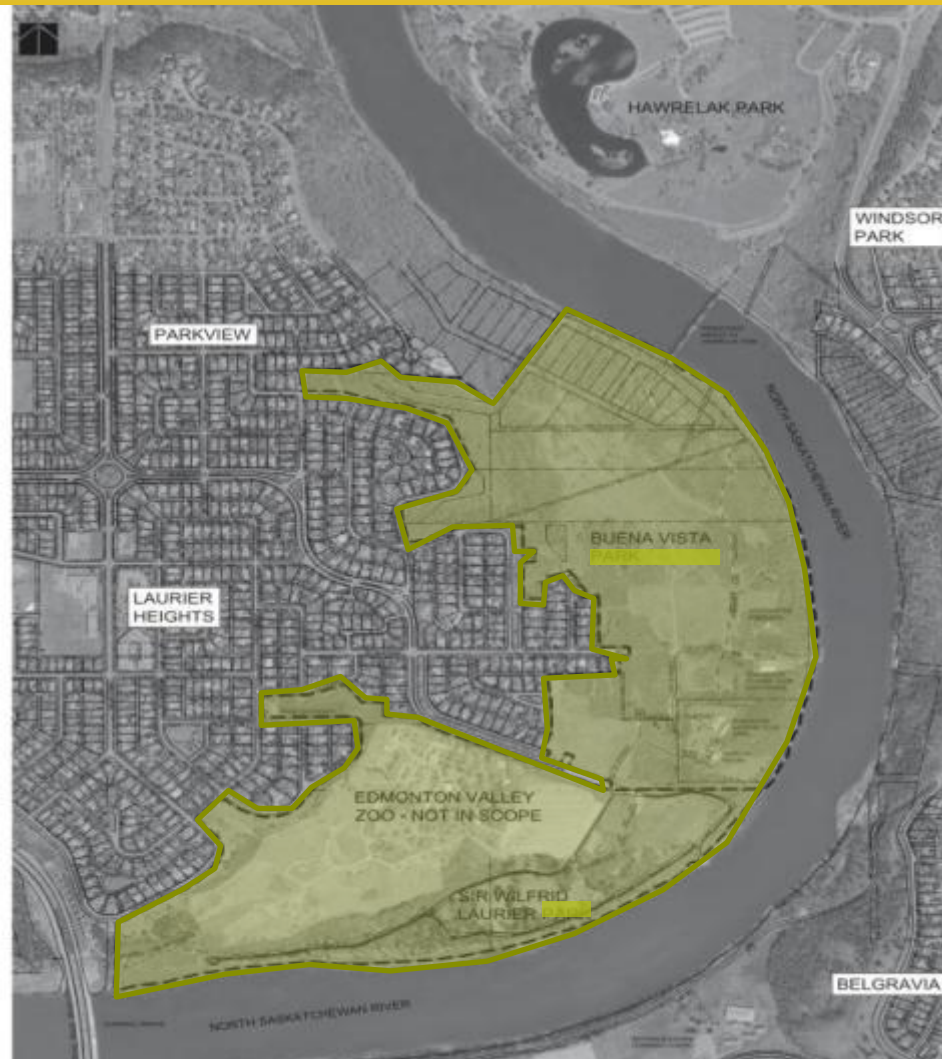
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Welcome

Master Plan Area



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Visioning Session Purpose

Obtain input from stakeholders regarding what Buena Vista / Laurier Park means to them

&

ideas they have regarding what Buena Vista / Laurier Park should look and feel like in the future to help determine the vision for the park area.

Agenda

- **Welcome, Purpose & Introductions**
- **Project & Park Overview, Public Involvement Process**
- **World Café Visioning Process**
- **World Café Rounds 1 & 2**
- *Health Break*
- **World Café Round 3**
- **Top Points & Report Back**
- **Wrap Up/ Next Steps**

Ground Rules

- Respect each other
- Listen to learn & understand
- Build on each others ideas
- Focus on topic, not on individual person
- Participate actively
- Everyone has equal chance to speak

Introductions

- **Table Hosts will facilitate & record discussion**
- **Introduce yourself at your table:**
 - ✓ **Your Name**
 - ✓ **Where you live**
 - ✓ **How you currently use Buena Vista / Laurier Park**
 - ✓ **Or – if you don't use the Park, why not?**



Project Overview





What is a Master Plan?

- High Level Strategic document
- Integrates Park planning with other City plans and initiatives
- Identifies and addresses public needs and priorities
- Guides the City to achieve high level standards for public parks and greenspaces
- Provides direction for environmental protection





Buena Vista / Laurier Park Master Plan will...

- Review the existing park uses
- Explore further opportunities for park users and City residents in the future
- 10 year focus





Who's Who

- The Public
- Stakeholders
- The Advisory Committee
- The Project Team
 - The ISL (Design Team)
 - City Administration
- City Council



Phases of Work

Phase 1 – Master Plan Development

- a) Site Analysis and Environmental / Park Visioning
- b) Concept Plan Development
- c) Master Plan Development



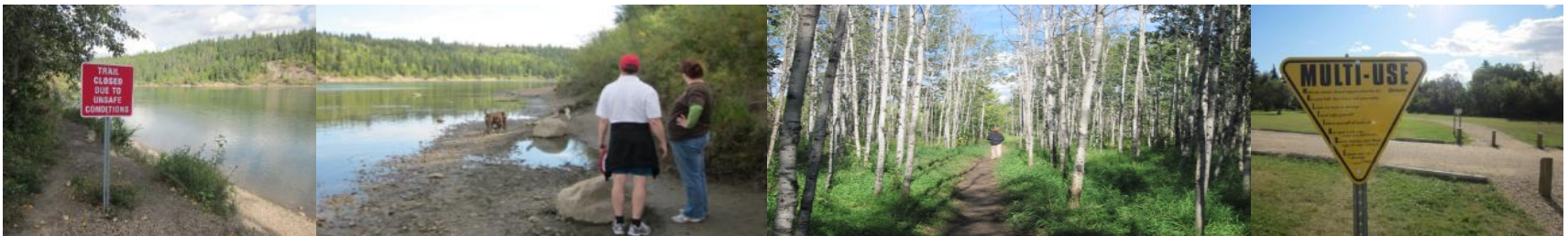
Phase 2 Detailed Design and Environmental Review





Site and Environmental Analysis and Visioning:

- Background Review
- Biophysical Analysis – Spencer Environmental
- Phase One Environmental Site Assessment – Thurber Engineering
- Review of Yorath House – Group 2
- Opportunities and Constraints Analysis – ISL
- Vision Development





Concept and Master Plan Development

- Program Development
- Draft Concepts
- Concept Refinement
- Master Plan Development





Phase 2 Detailed Design and Environmental Review

- Further Detailed Plans
- Site Study
- Environmental Review
- Presentation To Council

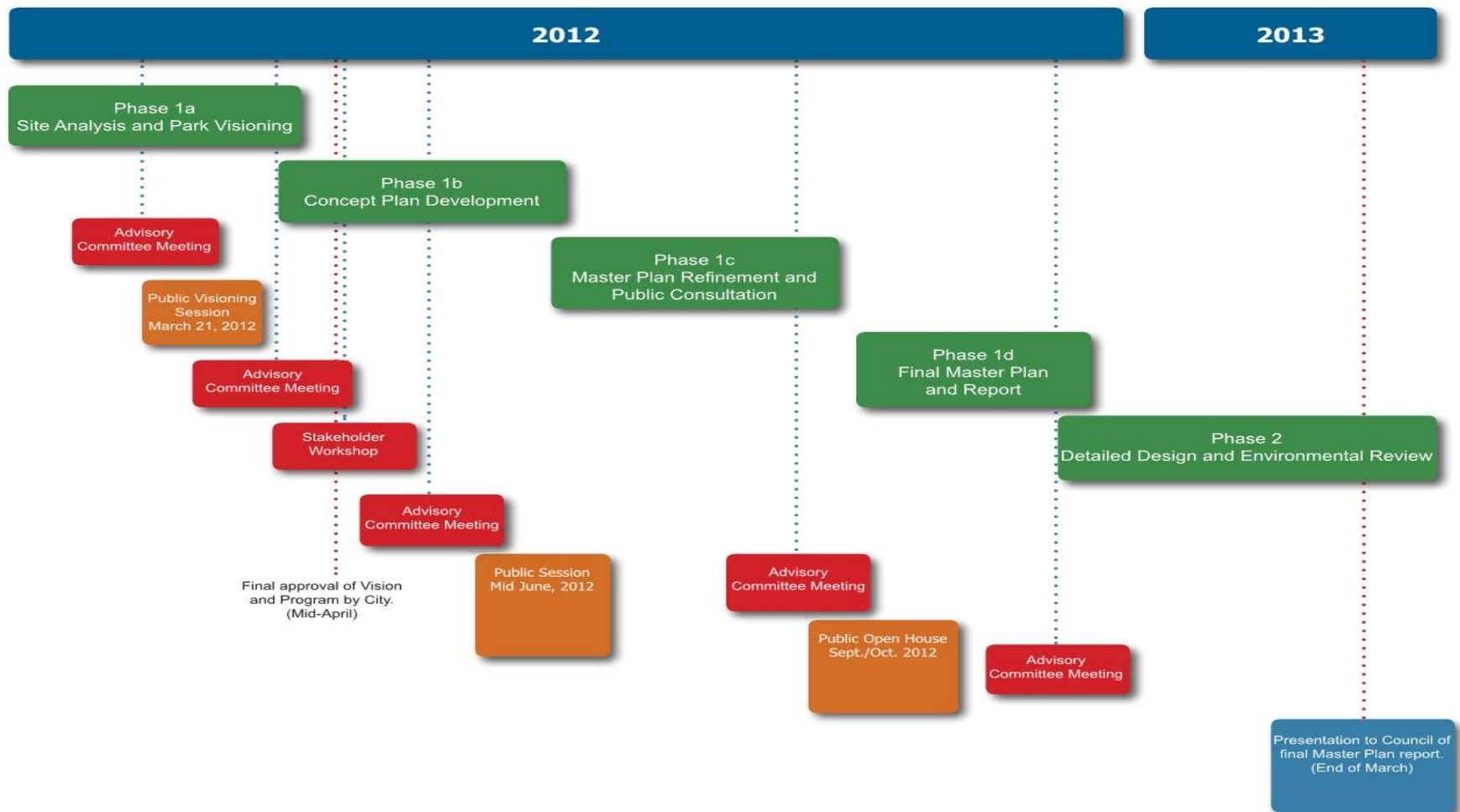




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Park Overview and Uses



Buena Vista / Laurier Park

- Covers 110 ha of Parkland
- A dynamic river valley park
- Numerous year round recreational opportunities

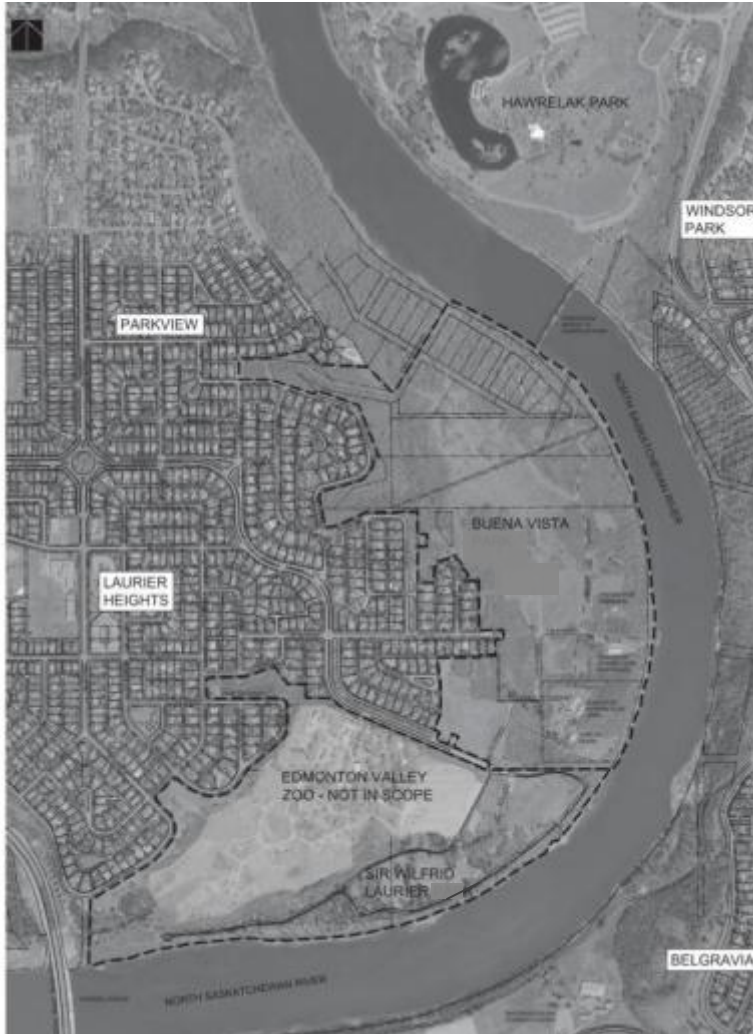




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- Formal Picnic Sites
- Group Picnic Sites
- Ball Fields
- River Boat Launch
- Playgrounds
- Trails
- Washroom Facilities
- Entrance to the Zoo
- Public Parking
- Neighbourhood Park Spaces

Laurier Park



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Laurier Park

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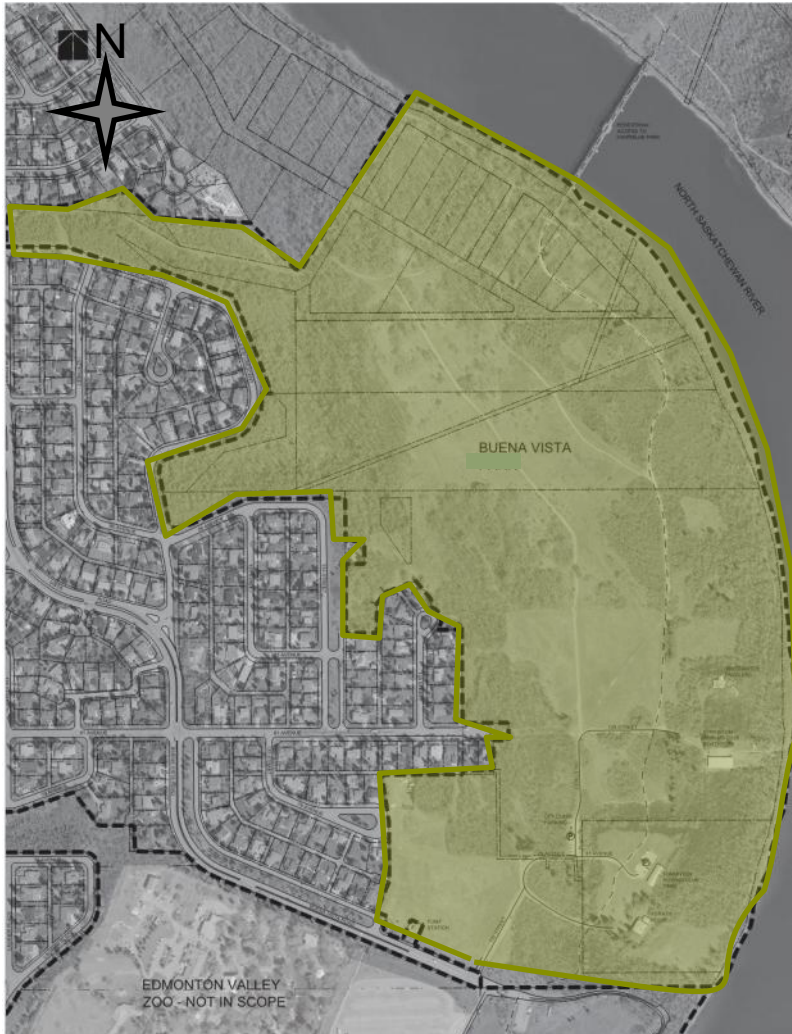




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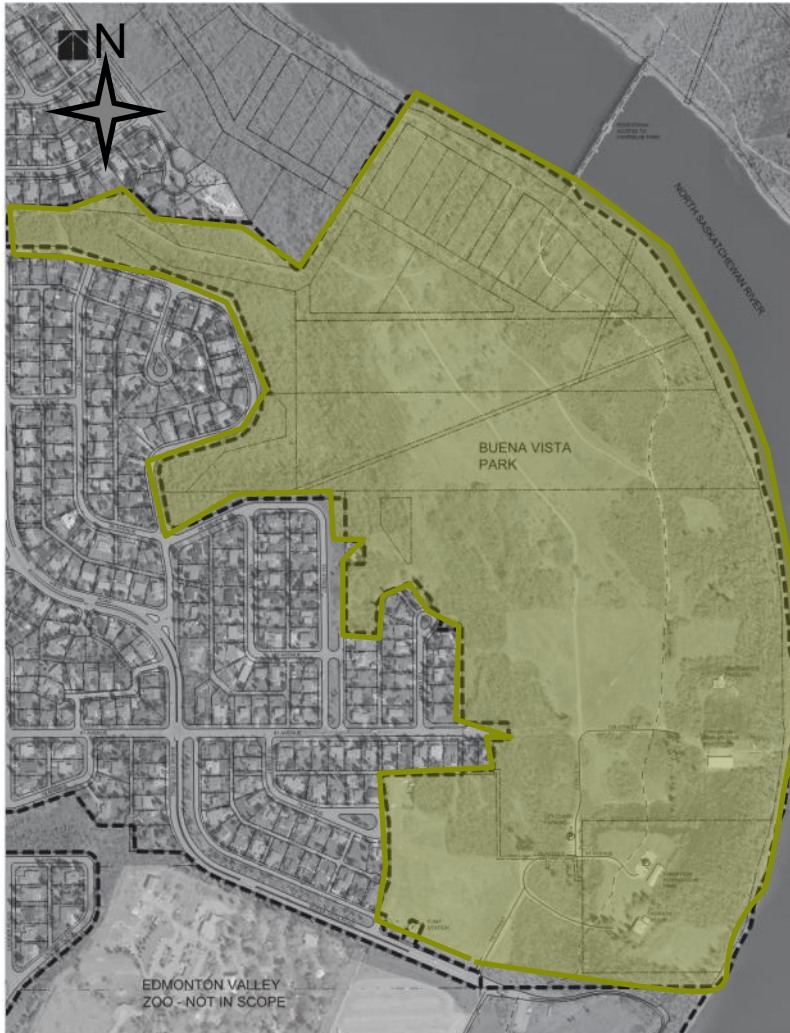


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- Natural Areas
- Off-leash area
- Connection to Hawrelak park
- Yorath House
- Edmonton Rowing Club
- Edmonton White Water Paddlers
- Walking Trails
- Public Parking
- Hot Air Balloon Launch Site

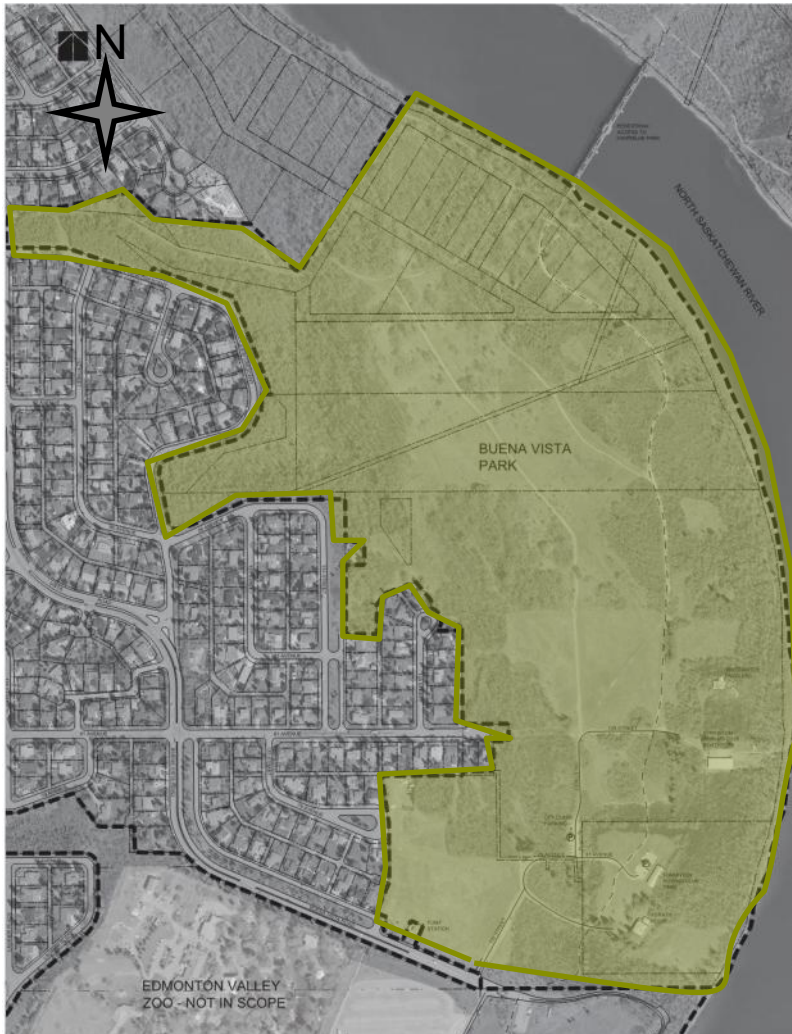
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Public Involvement



Public Involvement Process

Goal

Gain understanding of local values, knowledge about use & activity patterns to enrich decisions to be made in the Master Plan



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Public Involvement Process

Project Team Commitment

- Engage key stakeholders in a transparent & open process
- Provide variety of opportunities to participate
- Communicate to participants how their input affected the decision

Public Involvement Process

Level of Involvement

Information Sharing & Consultation

- **Sharing information**
- **Testing ideas & concepts**
- **Collaborating to develop solutions**
- **The decision to adopt the Master Plan resides with City Council**

Public Involvement Opportunities

- **Advisory Committee**
- **Stakeholder Interviews**
- **Roadside Signs, Project Website Postings, Online Surveys**
- **Public Sessions**
 - **Public Visioning Session (March 2012)**
 - **Concept Plan Review (June 2012)**
 - **Public Information Session (September/October 2012)**
- **Stakeholder Workshop (April 2012)**

World Café



World Café Process

- 3 Rounds (30 minutes each), new question each round
- Table Host facilitates & records discussion
- Everyone but Table Host moves at end of each round
- Table Host gives quick review of previous discussion
- Individuals write ideas on paper / maps on tables
- Health break after Round 2
- At end of Round 3, each table will identify top 5 points to consider in developing the Vision

Visioning Session – Round 1

➤ What do you value most about Buena Vista / Sir Wilfrid Laurier Park?

Visioning Session – Round 2

- How would you like to see Buena Vista / Laurier Park used in the future?
- What should it look & feel like?

Health Break



Visioning Session – Round 3

- What should be kept in mind when developing the vision for Buena Vista / Laurier Park?

Priority Ideas

- Each individual write their response(s) to the Round 3 question on individual cards:
- ***What should the Project Team keep in mind / consider when developing the vision for Buena Vista / Sir Wilfrid Laurier Park?***
- Discuss as a group & select top 5 to submit
- Table Host reports back

Closing & Next Steps

- Please complete & return the evaluation
- Sign up to be on the E-mail distribution list
- Check the website for reports on session, next events & online survey (early April):

www.edmonton.ca/buenavistalaurierplan

Thank you for your participation!