

SUMMARY

John Fry Park has been and will continue to be the venue for some major regional and national sports events. As such, it is important that the park site generates positive impressions for visitors to Edmonton. The quality of the sport fields is very important, but the functionality of the site and the aesthetics are equally important. Some of the key elements which will make John Fry Park a gem in Edmonton's park system are:

- A landmark amenity building which is shared between the various sport groups and the public will foster pride and a feeling of ownership in the park.
- Clear demarcation of different uses in the park and clear circulation routes will contribute towards stress free visits to the site and minimize congestion during major events. Subtle and attractive controls that prevent unauthorized vehicular traffic through the site will control damage to landscaped areas and eliminate the feeling of "abandonment" in the park.
- Attractive landscaping will provide shade on hot days, and can mitigate wind. It will encourage longer visits to the park and will draw visitors to the park for passive recreation.
- A functional trail system will encourage walking and cycling through the park instead of driving.

A five year time frame has been suggested for completion of the park upgrading, this schedule is flexible and could be tightened with additional funding from the City and / or the sport groups.